

Washington News.

Postmasters Commissioned—Albert M. Beldon, Commonwealth, Wis.  
Portraits of the wives of Presidents Taylor and Polk were hung in the green rooms of the White House recently.

The president has appointed J. W. Patrick of Oswego, Kans., Indian agent at Plattville and the Great Nemaha agency at Kansas City.

In Washington, recently, the district attorney entered suit to recover \$12,000 sureties on the bonds of Hoggate, late disbursing officer of the United States signal corps.

The amount missing from the trust fund in the Security safe deposit vault in Boston, to which Charles E. Stevens had access, is about \$30,000, and the total amount of the fund is about \$100,000 which is held for the benefit of two daughters of the late W. H. O'Brien, of the firm of Jordan, Marsh & Co. Young Stevens is reported to be in Europe. It is believed he took only about \$1,000 with him.

The treasury department is informed that Lieut. Lutz, of the revenue steamer Corwin, seized the German schooner Adele while the crew was killing seals at the St. Paul islands, near Alaska, and brought the vessel and a portion of the crew to San Francisco. Lieut. Lutz has been instructed to turn the vessel over to the United States marshal at San Francisco, and consult with the United States district attorney as to future proceedings.

The war department received information that Oklahoma Payne, who has just been released by the United States court at Fort Smith, Ark., is preparing for another raid into Indian Territory. Gen. Sheridan has directed Gen. Hatch, who is in command to prevent Payne entering the territory, but if he cannot do that, to follow him and bring him out. The general says the soldiers will probably have to take Payne across the country 300 miles to Fort Smith again, and to keep up the force of arresting him as long as the courts allow him to go at large. Gen. Sheridan has ordered Gen. Hatch to establish two winter cantonments in the Indian Territory, and near the place where Payne is so anxious to locate, and another near the boundary line, so as to intercept any invaders.

The president has designated Assistant Secretary Coon to act as secretary of the treasury during the absence or sickness at any time of Secretary Gresham. Assistant Secretary French has always heretofore acted in this capacity. Mr. Coon is also authorized by the secretary to sign in his stead all warrants for payments into the public treasury, and all warrants for disbursements from the public treasury of money certified by the proper accounting officers of the treasury. Similar authority to act during the absence or sickness of Acting Secretary Coon was delegated to Assistant Secretary French. The duration of the appointment of Judge Gresham is commonly fixed for a time extending to about the first of October, when it is believed Gresham will resign and, perhaps, accept the judgeship of the United States circuit court for Illinois.

Railroad and River News.

Edward Oldham, an absconding clerk of the Northern Pacific company in New York, was captured in New Brunswick.

Record of Casualties.

Twenty houses were burned at Louisville, Que., recently. Loss, \$25,000.

The warehouse of C. E. Dow & Sons, at Mandan, Dakota, was damaged by fire to the extent of \$1,000.

Fire destroyed the flouring mill of Martin & Co. at Pleasantville, Iowa, Saturday. Loss, \$10,000; partly insured.

A cloud burst at Pachuca, on the afternoon of the 27th, caused a terrible inundation. Considerable silver under treatment was lost. It is estimated that thirty persons were killed. A great deal of property was destroyed, and many cattle drowned.

This afternoon the town of Rathdrum, Idaho, was visited by a very destructive fire, which swept away several large buildings and contents. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss is estimated at \$50,000; insurance, \$30,000. Among other buildings the postoffice was destroyed.

The steamer Bristol, from Montreal for Bristol, arrived at St. Johns with her propeller broken, smashed by collision with ice. There are 375 seagoers between Cape Froese and Cape Race. An average of fifteen icebergs pass St. Johns daily, going south in the track of ocean steamers. Crafts arriving at St. Johns report passing large quantities of wreckage on the coast of Labrador.

Saturday afternoon the twelfth incendiary fire in Cleveland, O., within forty-eight hours was started in the lumber yard of the Cleveland Sawmill and Lumber company, in the heart of the great lumber district on "the flats." A strong wind carried the flames eastward through the yard, destroying 1,000,000 feet of lumber and about fifty feet of the trestle of the Conotton Valley railway, cutting off trains from access to the depot. The fire here was checked, with a loss of \$30,000.

The Criminal Calendar.

D. E. Fogarty, late cashier of the First National Bank of Livingston, was arrested on a charge of embezzlement.

In his confession, Howard Sullivan, the negro murderer of Ella Watson, at Salem, N. J., says the devil told him to kill her.

Three executions will take place in Cincinnati during October, viz.: Palmer on the 10th, Hoffman on the 24th and Richardson on the 28th.

Mrs. Ellen S. Holt of Gardner, Mass., has distinguished herself by causing the arrest of Rev. Frank B. Sleeper on charge of rape committed twenty-seven months ago.

Mary E. Barrows and Oscar E. Blaney were at Alfred, Me., sentenced to be hanged on the third Friday of December, for the murder of Thomas Barrows, the woman's husband.

Patrolman Jeremiah O'Brien of Boston shot and killed Thomas Callahan, one of a party who attempted to rescue Cornelius Casey, whom the officer had in charge for drunkenness.

James Kern of Ardock, Dak., was attacked by a gang of thieves and chased three miles, while returning home from Grand Forks. Several houses in that vicinity have been plundered.

George C. Ford of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, pleaded guilty, in the United States court at La Crosse, of using the mails for improper purposes, and was sentenced to one year at Waupan.

The Rev. Benjamin F. Martin, pastor of the colored church at Long Branch, has run away with the wife of a member of his con-

gregation and taken, it is alleged, the church funds with him.

The sentence of Clifford W. Richardson, convicted of murder in Hamilton county, Ohio, and sentenced to be hanged Sept. 23, and reprieved to Oct. 25, has been commuted to imprisonment for life by Gov. Hoadly.

Mrs. Wolfear, wife of a Cheyenne chief, ended a row with the old man the other day by ending her own life. The suicide did not fret the soul of Mr. Wolfear. The next day after the funeral he appeared on the streets of Miles City, happy and radiant in the possession of a brand-new squaw.

A mob of forty men visited the Franklin county, Miss., jail, overpowered the jailer and took out four negro prisoners and lynched them, hanging them to trees in the court house yard. One was charged with attempted rape on a white girl, two with murder of other negroes and one with arson and robbery.

Mrs. Lillian Daly, a grass widow, aged seventeen, of Ogden, Mich., who had been receiving the attention of a married man, was found dead in a straw stack on her father's farm. She was ancient, and being reproved by her mother for her course of life, she took a fatal dose of tansy. The inquest brought out the facts.

A weapon made of tinfoil, from packages of chewing tobacco, firmly fastened to a thick piece of wood, and weighing over three pounds, was found in the cell of Charles H. Kung, the negro, now in the Long Island City jail for the murder of the Mayble family. It is supposed that Kung made the weapon with which to knock down the jailer, and secure his keys and regain his liberty.

John Conover, a desperate character, well known as "Three Fingers Jack," shot and killed one H. R. Robbins in a saloon at Spokane Falls, Wash. Ter., Saturday night. The parties were strangers to each other, and only a few angry words had passed between them before the fatal shot was fired. Robbins died almost instantly, the pistol ball passing through his right arm and then through his body from right to left. Witnesses of the murder say that it was deliberate and cold-blooded in the extreme. It is the third that "Three Fingers Jack" has committed, and it is the first murder in the annals of Spokane Falls. The victim of the tragedy is spoken of as a quiet, inoffensive citizen. He was a carpenter by trade, and came here from Vermont about a year ago.

Miscellaneous News Notes.

A Panola, Fla., dorky is the father of thirty children.

Official returns of the Vermont election place Pingree's majority at 21,912.

At San Francisco Judge Field decided that a Chinese boy born in the United States is a citizen.

At Pittsburg, Pa., recently, the thermometer registered 95 deg., the highest of the season. One sunstroke occurred.

John Pinski of Milwaukee, while trying to stop his runaway horse was thrown out of the wagon and instantly killed.

The fishing schooner Annie R. Komp arrived at Provincetown, Mass., from Grand Banks with 3,000 quintals of codfish.

The protracted deadlock in the Democratic convention at Beaver Dam was finally broken on the one hundred and fiftieth ballot, and Gen. Edward S. Bragg was nominated for congress.

Spellman Bros., retail dry goods, Cincinnati, have assigned. Liabilities, \$38,000; assets, \$25,000; preferences \$20,000, mainly to Cincinnati creditors. The remaining creditors are principally in New York.

Henry McCallum & Co., carpet dealers of Pittsburg, confessed judgment, on an execution against them for \$40,000. The firm have been carrying a heavy load of debt for years. The liabilities will aggregate over \$140,000.

A petition of Baring Bros. of London, England, has been filed in the insolvency court at Portland, Me., against Sylvanus C. Blanchard of Yarmouth, representing indebtedness to the firm of \$150,000, advanced on letters of credit.

There was a reunion of the Second cavalry division and Custer's brigade of the Third division, Army of the Potomac at Gettysburg, Oct. 15, for the purpose of dedicating the shaft erected at the field of the cavalry operations on the right flank July 3, 1863.

The administrator of the estate of Elizabeth R. Beach of Mansfield, Conn., has brought suit against the Boston and Savannah Steamship company, claiming \$50,000 damages arising out of the City of Columbus disaster, in which Mrs. Beach was drowned.

The supreme court has prepared the rules for admission to practice in Iowa under the new law, and henceforth expectant lawyers will be gauged thereby. The intention is that the future lawyer shall have some knowledge of the law. The rules are now in force.

Bishop Gilmore of Cleveland prints a card in which he insists that Mr. Cowles denied his daughter freedom of conscience in the exercise of her religion, and declares that while withdrawing the charge of inhuman and brutal treatment he reaffirmed that freedom of conscience was denied.

Speaking of reported resignations of officers of the United States navy who desire to enter the service of China in the event of war between that country and France, the Courier des Etats Unis says: "The only explanation of this is the innate propensity of Americans to follow in everything the footsteps of the English; to love everything what the English love, hate what the English hate, and, in fact, to copy from the English the personality that is antagonistic to themselves. France has always received insults from Americans in proportion to the deference and delicate attentions which she has extended toward them. Let American officers enlist, if they please, under the banner of the green dragon, and let them fight against the tri-colors. They will cease to be Americans to become Chinese. They must remember that if they have the right to be treated simply as enemies engaged in the regular navy of China, they may also be treated as thieves and hanged to the yard-arm like pirates if they are captured on board privateers."

Personal Points.

Mr. William H. Vanderbilt declares that his retirement from active business pursuits is absolute and complete.

Martin Maginnis has telegraphed his congratulations to J. K. Toole, nominated to succeed him as delegate from Montana.

George Dolling, a miner of Scranton, Pa., died from the effects of a bite inflicted by one of the large rats which were the pets of the miners.

Invitations are out to the wedding of Miss Cooke, daughter of the editor of the Baltimore Telegram, and Mr. Dandy editor of the Chicago Saturday Herald, October 27.

John P. Young, managing editor of the San Francisco Chronicle, was recently married to

Georgiana M. Simon, sister of Capt. A. M. Brown, of the United States army.

Capt. Boyton and Sitting Bull are great friends, their meeting at New York, a day or so since, was celebrated by an exchange of gifts and consecutive pulls at the pipe of peace.

Gillie Leigh, who was found dead in the Big Horn mountains, was heir to the title and estate of Lord Leigh of Stanley Abbey, Warwickshire, one of the finest ancestral estates in England. His brother, Dudley Leigh, who is now in San Francisco, becomes heir to the title.

Suggests of Foreign News.

In Naples a girl of seventeen was stricken with cholera Wednesday. Her lover called to see her, but was prevented by the girl's mother from entering the sick chamber. He shot the mother, fatally wounded the sick girl and attempted to kill himself. President Grevy of France has telegraphed the king of Italy that the catastrophe which has befallen Italy, excites the deepest commiseration of the whole world. He adds: "The sublime, heroic and magnanimous conduct of your majesty excites the admiration and enthusiasm of the universe."

The London Times' Khartoum advices report Gordon laying mines in all directions. Food was difficult to obtain and commanded a high price. Gordon had issued a paper currency, his treasury department being established at Berber. The soldiers were paid in that currency. The reports state that the town was quiet; half the population had, however, joined the rebels previous to the siege. There had been no news from the British government. Later reports, up to July 30, say that Gordon has been five months besieged, and will be only able to hold out two months longer.

Failure of the Rounds Type and Press Company.

Chicago, Special.—The Rounds Type and Press company, located at No. 175 Monroe street, has filed a voluntary assignment to Samuel D. Ward. No schedule was filed. A careful estimate places the liabilities at about \$50,000, and the net assets \$12,000. The present company was organized about two years ago with a capital stock of \$150,000. The good will of the old S. P. Rounds printing house was accepted as one-half payment, and it is said the other half of the capital was never paid. Since the senior Mr. Rounds has been in charge of the government printing office at Washington Philadelphia has been under the management of S. P. Rounds, Jr. A. J. Cross was president, and Charles P. Gonle secretary of the concern. They have a small branch at Denver which has been covered with attachments in favor of the creditors. The largest creditors are Mackellar, Smiths & Jordan of Philadelphia, to whom \$24,945 is due on open accounts and notes. There are no other large creditors.

Hardly more than one-fifth of the nominal value will be realized. The failure is due to slow trade, low prices and poor collections, and also, it is said, to poor management. The senior Rounds opened his printing office here in 1848.

The Northwestern Car Company.

The receiver for the Northwestern Car company, at Stillwater, filed his first schedule of assets and liabilities in the district court Monday, some eighteen weeks after his appointment. The complicated nature of the extensive business of course explains the delay. The report is represented in extremely condensed form, but is apparently comprehensive and complete. In the matter of assets it is conservative, scaling down doubtful securities and valuing cautiously dubious property. The total on this side of the balance sheet is some two and a half million dollars less than the total assets shown in the statement to stockholders last March, with which it is natural to compare it. The decrease comes from the severe scaling down of the items of bills receivable—farmers' notes—and from the absolute omission of many items of dubious legitimacy. On the side of liabilities, the same conservative policy has included several large items, which did not appear in the March statement to the stockholders, swelling the total, without counting the stock as a debt, to over \$3,400,000, or nearly a million less than the assets.

Insurance Swindles Unearthed.

Washington Special: Seth W. Tuley, alias Phillip Nolan, a clerk in the postoffice department, was arrested on the charge of violating the bankrupt laws of Indiana. It now appears that he is also wanted on a more serious accusation. It is said that Tuley, or Nolan, is concerned in an attempt to defraud the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance company, of Milwaukee, Wis., of \$8,000. The statement is made that about seven or eight years ago Tuley insured his life in that company for the above amount, and after paying one or two premiums disappeared. The supposed widow in due time filed her application for the insurance money, together with the alleged proofs of her husband's death by drowning. The company were about to pay the money, but received information that Tuley had been seen subsequent to the alleged date of death, and an investigation followed. In the latter part of last June the officers thought they had located Tuley, and sent for Detective Beck, who came here, but Tuley had disappeared. About two weeks ago they discovered that Tuley, alias Nolan, had been appointed to a clerkship in the postoffice department under the civil service rules. They again sent for Mr. Beck who arrived here a few days ago. The warrant was then procured and the arrest made.

Gobbling the Public Lands.

It appears from the forthcoming report of the commissioners of the general land office that during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1884, there was selected 8,343,154 acres of public lands under grants to aid the construction of railroads, making the total amount of such selections awaiting action by the department, 11,861,608 acres. The selections do not pass title but simply indicate the lands claimed under the grant. The department has suspended action in these selections until congress shall act upon the question of the forfeiture of certain grants now pending before it. The lands certified, or patented, and for which titles passed to the grantees, were 647,162 acres. In a dispatch recently sent from Washington it was stated that of the 11,000,000 of acres disposed of in Dakota, nearly 5,000,000 of acres were taken under railroad grants. This was an error. No patents were issued for railroads in either Dakota or Louisiana during the year. The amount disposed of to railroads is 169,422 acres greater than in 1883. It is 402,278 acres less than in 1881, and 510,212 acres less than in 1880.

Francis Kernoshan, of New York, who died Saturday afternoon at Pittsfield, from the accidental discharge, the night before, of a pistol which he was carrying because of the supposed entrance into his house of burglars, was of a family well known in New York, where he was born about forty-four years ago. He was graduated from Yale college in 1861, and from Columbia law school sometime after.

A Scandinavian named Annetted was killed by falling, as is supposed, from the platform of Mr. Field's house at Still Lake, Wis.

AN EXCITING SPORT.

Spearing Swordfish off Cape May.

Correspondence Philadelphia Times.  
"Hey-o!" came from the man in the cross-trees.

"Where away?" yelled the skipper, unhooking his booted leg from the wheel and glancing around.

"Right off the weather bow," sang out the mate, who had sprung into the rigging.

"Aye, I see him," replied the skipper. A moment later all eyes on board were watching a sharp glistening fin that was darting through the water in the same general direction as ourselves.

The mate now took his place in the pulpit, and seizing the steel lily stood ready for the game, while the rope was carefully coiled and the keg made ready to toss at the right moment. For ten minutes the vessel and fish moved along gallantly side by side. The skipper, however, was gradually hauling the vessel on the wind and the two approached each other until the swordfish was close alongside. Then came the supreme moment. The skipper wound away at the wheel and the little vessel shot up into the wind, laying the swordfish right across the bows, and as it rushed along amidst the foam, the harpooner raised his weapon; for a moment the steel lily flashed; then, with a dull thud, it entered the back of the fish.

"Stand clear the line!" shouted the mate, as he sprang back upon the deck and the schooner fell away again.

The warning was well heeded, as the rope was rushing over the side like a "streak of greased lightning," as the skipper had it. It was soon exhausted, and as the end came the mate held aloft the keg and as the last fathom of rope rushed away, tossed it over and away it went, followed by a wave of foam and spray, to ultimately tire the gamy fish.

"Naow all we hev to dew," said the skipper, "is to follow along and pick up another if we can. In August I've had as many as eight kegs out at once, and got so many that we had to make Boston and leave the water alive with 'em. Then again they'll be so tartation scarce that you won't see one a day."

"There's several curious things about a so'd fish," he continued; "one is that though they can sink a boat with their sword, yet a child can hold them by it. One day my twelve-year-old boy was setting in the boat a-fishing, and as he hauled in the line a so'd fish followed the bait, and as it stuck its sword out of water the lad grabbed it, and the fish couldn't get away and we took it aboard. The next curious thing is about the young. I never thought nothin' about them until a fellow came aboard one day and sez he, 'Cap, I'll give ye \$200 for a young swordfish under fifteen inches.' Well, I thought I had a soft snap, and I let out among the mackerel men that I would pay \$50 for one; but curious enough, there wasn't a man that had ever seen one and, of course, I didn't get it. When I went ashore I told the fellow about it, and he said it was the general belief among naturalists that they only breed in European waters as the young are never found here."

We had now gained on the flying keg, and as the dory was hauled alongside two of the crew and the writer as volunteer tumbled in, and in a few moments had the keg alongside. The oars were then pulled in, and a moment later the bowman has seized the keg and the dory was rushing along—a swordfish express. "The work of 'taking in' now commenced, one man steering the dory after the erratic steed, the others hauling in on the rope. As the fish felt the strain it renewed its exertions and started off at a furious pace that threatened to leave the vessel far behind. But the sport was of short duration and the rope was rapidly hauled ahead, until finally the sharp fin was close by, and with a rush the fish was laid alongside, one man holding it while the rest got to the windward to prevent a capsize. It was then, a stie mate said, that the alleged fun commenced.

Hauled partly out of the water by the rope, the great fish gave a vicious cut to the left with its sharp weapon, that caused all hands to drop as if sent for, and for some time this lowly position was the best, all things considered. The rope was kept taut and the struggles of the game were terrific. If a head was raised it seemed immediately to become the object of attack. Finally, however, an oar was lifted and a violent blow upon the head placed the swordfish hors du combat. The schooner now came alongside, a block and tackle was rigged and the gamy fish was hoisted aboard.

It was about eight feet in length, the privatersman of the finny tribe, its entire make-up denoting speed. The sword is a long extension of the upper jaw, formed of hardened cartilage, and the explanation of its power of penetrating ships accords with that of the candle that can be shot through a board. It is not so much the hardness of the projectile as the force with which it is fired; and in regard to that force the sword-fish has well been compared to a cannon.

Queen Victoria has never fully recovered from the accident to her kee. She is not able to walk as much as she used to do, and the enforced lack of exercise has a bad effect upon her health.