

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Washington News.

The report of the superintendent of the foreign mail service shows 33,328,014 letters sent and 28,404,935 received.

Lieut. and Mrs. Greely will be the guests of Gen. and Mrs. Ruggles, in Washington, on their own house is ready for them.

Postoffices established: Dakota—F. Adler, Hughes county. Postmasters' Commission—Ed. J. Dodge, Drummond; Mont.; Frank A. S. Greenwood, Fielder, Dak.

Secretary Teller has given several of his clerks and messengers, who are unprotected by the civil service rules, the private advice that they would better seek their salaries against a rainy day of March.

The annual report of Judge Lawrence, first comptroller of the treasury, was submitted to the secretary of the treasury Monday. The number of vouchers examined and certified during the year was 3,535,236, and involved the sum of \$2,543,613.22.

Secretary Teller, in his annual report, will call attention of congress to the fact that the Indians are asserting their right to give leases of their reservations to cattle herders and others. The secretary will hold that the Indians only have the right to grant licenses for the use of their land.

The following order has been received from the war department. By direction of the president, and in accordance with revised statutes, First Lieut. Edgar T. Dudley, Second artillery, is detailed as professor of military science and tactics at the University of the State of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb., and will proceed for duty accordingly.

The appointment of Otis P. G. Clarke to the office of commissioner of pensions, was made Saturday. He has long held the position of assistant commissioner, and is thoroughly familiar with the pension department in all its branches. Calvin E. Walker of Indiana, at present second deputy commissioner, has been appointed first deputy commissioner, vice Clarke promoted.

There are as many as twenty applicants for the governorship of Montana, to succeed Gov. Crosby, who has resigned, and is now fully at home in Frank Hatton's recent quarters as first assistant postmaster general. There remains about a year of the unexpired term. The name of Delegate Maginnis is mentioned frequently for the place, and the president is urged to step outside the line of the party and appoint him.

In view of the fact that as civil service examinations become better and better known they attract more and more applicants, the commission has found it useful, after consultation with the president, to adopt the following resolution, which will explain to applicants why they may not receive an early notice to appear and be examined: Resolved, That in order to avoid the examination of a number of applicants greatly in excess of the needs of the service and the imposition of useless labor on the board of examiners, whenever there shall be on register in any state or territory more persons, of either sex, of any grade or class than are likely to be required for certification during the next six months, no more applicants of either sex and grade or class will be examined for the state or territory till such excess has ceased, unless otherwise ordered by the commission.

More attention has been secured to the theory and practice of civil service reform by Cleveland's election, than any amount of debating in congress would have done. It is believed that the subject will be alluded to by every member of the cabinet in the forthcoming annual report, and it is also believed that without exception the administration will express great faith in the necessity for the welfare of the country is a patriotic adherence to the principles of civil service reform. Last year all the members of the cabinet embodied in their annual reports references to the workings of civil service reform. Most of them said that it had been beneficial to the public service. It is currently reported that all, or nearly all, of the cabinet officers will, in their annual reports this year, describe the manner in which the system of civil service reform has worked, and say that it has resulted in securing to the government an excellent and efficient class of clerks. If they do this it will add little interest to the history of future clerical events.

Casualties of the Week.

The Continental hotel fire at Fargo cost \$72,000.

The Waukesha, Wis., woolen mills were burned. Loss, \$55,000.

The Continental Hotel at Fargo was burned Sunday night. Loss \$40,000.

The mill and buildings of the Eureka Cotton Seed Oil company, at Arkansas City, Ark., together with a large quantity of oil in tanks and barrels, and about four hundred tons of seed, were destroyed by fire. Loss \$200,000.

Crimes and Criminals.

A pair of tramps brutally murdered old man Denslow and wife near Des Plaines, Ill., and a lynching bee is possible.

J. McKean, postmaster at Boise City, Idaho, has been suspended by Postal Agent T. B. Bonnerman on the discovery of a shortage of about \$1,300.

Son after a Democratic procession at Manchester, N. H., Wesley Honesty and Clint Banks (colored) fatally struck with a brick Joseph McFall, aged nineteen.

Unknown persons placed rocks on the railway track and set fire to the wood owned by the St. Paul and Duluth Railway company near Northern Pacific Junction burning about one hundred cords.

Robert McPhen, alias Brice, was arrested at Louisville, Ky., on a requisition from Calcutta, charged with forging the name of William Cruikshank, director of the Halton & Larone Tea company, Calcutta, for \$15,000. McPhen, or Brice, as known here, has been in Louisville about a year, and has been doing the commercial department for the Evening Times.

Personal News Notes.

John McCullough's friends look to his sister in Philadelphia, to take the initiative in any legal steps to restrain him.

Dr. Moss, of Bloomington university, says there wasn't any gross immorality in his relations with the Greek instructor. It was a sort of paternalistic fondness he had for having her sit on his knee.

Gen. Lew Wallace, who sailed from New York recently for Europe on his way to Constantinople, intends to pack up and return in March. He will spend the winter in his home near the palace of the sultan.

The marriage of Gen. E. W. Leavenworth of Syracuse, N. Y., to Mrs. Ball, a widow of Ber-

gen Point, A. J., which occurred Wednesday, has created quite a ripple of excitement. Gen. Leavenworth is eighty-three years of age; the bride is about sixty.

The gossips seem determined to marry Gov. Cleveland before he becomes the occupant of the White House. The same thing was tried with Mr. Tilden and President Arthur, but this far without success. Miss Love and Miss Kohn, both of Buffalo, are the ladies whom the gossips have selected, and there is a division of opinion as to which of the two will be chosen by Gov. Cleveland to do the honors of the executive mansion.

General News Items.

Newburger Bros. of Coffeeville, Miss., have failed. Liabilities, \$500,000; assets, about \$25,000.

Col. Ezra Taylor of Chicago has married Mrs. Anna Fitzgerald at Toronto, despite the efforts of his son to have him declared insane.

All the towns and cities of the State of Massachusetts are now obliged to give school books and all other school supplies to the public free.

The official canvass of Ohio shows a total of 785,171; for Blaine, 400,082; for Cleveland, 368,280; for Butler, 5,170; for St. John, 11,260. Blaine's plurality, 31,802.

A sad-visaged Republican of Hartford, says the Curant, referred to the Rev. Dr. Burdard as "the old gentleman with one foot in the grave and the other in his mouth."

Forepaugh's sacred white elephant, "Light of Asia," died at Philadelphia recently, the victim of lung fever, brought on by undue exposure while in training. He was valued at \$2,000.

Over all the ranges of Montana and Northern Wyoming wolves are increasing with such rapidity, and making such depredations upon cattle, that stock-growers are alarmed. The commissioners of Johnson county, Wyo., offer to furnish free strychnine to wolf-baiters.

The Columbus, O., board of trade has reports from the committee appointed to investigate the losses sustained by the strike in the Hocking valley since June 27. The loss of the coal companies is \$1,630,000. Loss to business men outside of the board, \$350,000; loss of freight to railroads centering here, \$1,100,000; loss to furnaces in the valley, \$225,000; aggregate losses, \$3,105,000. Of this it is estimated the loss to the city of Columbus is \$3,511,000.

Mr. Warren Upham, the assistant Minnesota State geologist, has just issued a catalogue of the flora of Minnesota, the same forming Part VI. of the annual report of progress of the geological and natural history of the state, now under way. The total number of plants enumerated in the catalogue, including both species and varieties, is 1,650, belonging to 357 genera and representing 118 families or orders. One-half of this flora consists of introduced species, or such, for the most part, "as follow civilized man and grow in his cultivated fields and gardens in spite of his efforts to banish them."

John Flemming and Frank L. Loring, who were convicted some time ago before Judge Blodgett of the United States district court upon the charge of sending letters through the mails with intent to defraud, have been pardoned, conditionally, by the president. The conditions are that they shall each pay a fine of \$500 and all the costs of the trial, which amounts to nearly \$900. The pardon was recommended by Judge Blodgett, upon whose suggestion, also, the conditions were prescribed. The \$1,840 which Flemming and Loring must pay before being released from confinement is in addition to any sums of money they have heretofore paid to make good money lost by their fraudulent practices.

Bradstreet's summary of business last Saturday is as follows: "The general trade situation throughout the United States continues without animation. Wholesale merchants and jobbers do not report renewed buying, nor has the very conservative hand to mouth method of purchasing been more than maintained. In industrial lines the situation is rather less encouraging. Iron mills at the centres of that industry are running on half time in a number of instances. The trade in textiles at Philadelphia and vicinity is very much depressed, and the enforced idleness among mill employes includes about 15,000. About two-thirds of the Fall River print mills were idle again last week, throwing out 10,000 employes. And through New England, the Middle, Central and Western states, from day to day word has been received of stoppages of factories and mills and of reduction of wages from 5 to 10 per cent. There is no change reported as to 15,000. About two-thirds of the general financial situation continues to present that apparently favorable feature, an enormous excess of surplus funds at the banks, which in reality reveals the amount of capital out of employment and the accompanying falling off in production. Funds are no longer wanted from the West, and customers of Western banks have ceased sending for money, which foreshadows a check to the rapid shipment of wheat to market. Collections generally throughout the country are slow, noticeably at the West, and less so in the Southwest.

Foreign Flashes.

Morosini pere is said to have offered Victoria \$10,000 to keep off the stage and Hulskamp \$50,000 to leave her.

H. J. Shaw & Co., of Montreal, furniture manufacturers and dealers, have assigned. Liabilities heavy.

The noiseless cabs recently introduced at London by the earl of Shrewsbury, have India rubber wheels costing 70 guineas a pair.

Two Warsaw Prussians made a bet on Bismarck's choice between beer and wine, which he spoiled when it was referred to him by declaring himself equally fond of both.

Mr. Trevelyan has been "kicked up stairs," as the English term a loss of salary and a gain of official importance. His salary in Ireland was \$22,500. He receives \$10,000 in the cabinet.

An inquiry into the case of Rev. Mr. Buel, the American who escaped from an insane asylum in London and paid a visit to Lowell, the American minister, shows Buel is a harmless lunatic.

Count Gleichen's office of constable of Windsor castle is a sinecure paying more than \$5,500 a year. He was appointed to do it as the successor of Prince Albert, who held it and drew the salary for many years.

The recent experiments made at Spezia to ascertain the penetrative power of the 120-ton gun have shown that no armor yet made can resist its steel projectiles. Targets representing the armor of the ironclad Italia, and consisting of thirty-six inches of solid iron with a heavy wooden backing, were completely pierced.

The high rate of mortality in St. Petersburg has attracted the attention of the czar. He recently ordered his private physician to make an investigation as to the cause. The doctor's report concludes that most of the deaths

among the patients in public hospitals were caused by weakness. The daily allowance for the maintenance of each patient is less than nine and one-half cents.

Danger of a Holocaust.

Shortly before 11 o'clock last Saturday evening fire was discovered in the boiler room of the Northern Wisconsin hospital for the insane, situated about four miles north of Oskosh. Engines were dispatched from Oskosh. There are 500 inmates in the asylum. By diligent work of the department the fire was confined to the engine room and laundry, and at midnight was brought under control. Wild excitement existed among the inmates, who were removed, but they were well handled and none injured. They are now being returned to their regular apartments. Two or three escaped during this excitement, but searching parties are now after them. The origin of the fire is a mystery. Estimated loss, \$15,000.

The English Church May Profit.

The Times devotes its leading article to the celebration of St. Paul's church London, in honor of centennial of the consecration of the first bishop of the American Episcopal church. In the course of the article the Times says: "If ever it is separated from the state, the Church of England may learn from American precedent that it need not fear extinction or humiliation. The American church has set an example which the English church would do well to imitate, enlisting the services of laymen on an equal footing with the clergy." The Times believes the commemoration will do much to promote the spirit of good will between the two great branches of the anglican church.

Important Geographical Discovery.

F. H. Bignell of Quebec, who left in June last in command of the transport expedition to Lake Mistassini, has returned. He gives a few particulars taken en route. The party, with great difficulty, reached the province's northern boundary on the height of land. They then crossed into Rupert's land, and at a distance of 300 miles from Lake St. Johns, they reached the southwestern extremity of the great Lake Mistassini. He states the general trend of the lake, as far known, is from southwest to northeast, stretching away from Foulon bay and height of land in the southwest to an unknown distance toward East Maine and Labrador. The waters swarm with fish of all kinds, and fur-bearing animals are abundant. The climate is agreeable and suitable for agricultural purposes. He stated that the Hudson Bay company have had their agency there for upwards of one hundred years, but have held it secret that a lake of such dimensions ever existed. It is supposed to be as large as Lake Superior.

Destructive Fire at Millbank, Dakota.

A fire broke out Monday morning at 3:15 o'clock in the rear of a saloon adjoining the Grand Central hotel, at Millbank, Dak., and swept away two entire blocks on the east side of Main street, including the hotel and the three bank buildings, which are a total loss. Considerable of the contents were saved by removal. A heavy wind was blowing at the time, which, together with a not over complete or effective fire department, made great headway, consuming the bowling alley and the Grand Central hotel, and then on Main street, razing every building on that side of the street and leaving a distance of at least three blocks a blackened, smoking ruin. The insurance is about one-half the value of the property destroyed, which was from \$150,000 to \$200,000. The origin of the fire is unknown. Millbank is the county seat of Grant County, Dak., and is twenty miles west of Ortonville, and on the Hastings & Dakota division of the Milwaukee road. To the railway and the excellence of the farming land in its vicinity the important little city of 2,000 people owes its inception and growth both within the last four years.

More Lynching in Dakota.

Bismarck Tribune, 16th: The report reached Bismarck recently that among others, George Grinnell, well known throughout the Missouri slope, was hung on Wednesday, the 12th inst. The story as told the Tribune is that Grinnell had been threatened and believing he was in danger called on the authorities at Fort Buford for protection. His request to have soldiers sent to his place to protect him was refused. He remained at the fort until he considered himself safe to return, but the cowboys were in waiting and hung him. They also hung two men, one a half-breed named Gardupce, and one Simpson. The cowboys who did the hanging are in the employ of the Montana Cattlemen's association, and are divided into three detachments—one in the Mouse river district, another in the Knife river region and the third in the Turtle mountains. They are on the alert for horse thieves, and while Grinnell never was accused of horse stealing, it is said they swore vengeance on him for sheltering thieves at his ranch, which has been a stopping place for travelers for over fifteen years. The cowboys have a minute description of every man in the upper region, and are doing a wholesale business in hanging. Much indignation is expressed at the hanging of Grinnell, who was looked upon as a good citizen.

The Chicago Markets.

Wheat, Chicago spring, 72@73 1/2c; No. 3, Chicago spring, 66c; No. 2 red, 73c; No. 3 red, 66c. Corn, cash, 42@43c. Oats, cash, 27c. Rye, 30 1/2c. Barley, 32c. Pork, cash, \$16.75. Lard, cash, \$7.25@7.30.

Milwaukee Markets.

Wheat, No. 2, 73 1/2c. Corn, No. 2, 52c. Oats, No. 2 white, 30 1/2c. Rye, No. 1, 55c; No. 2, 53c. Barley, No. 2, 55 1/2c; extra No. 3, 47c. Mess Pork, \$16 cash. Lard—Prime steam, \$7.40. Butter, choice creamery, 26@26c; fair to good, 23@26c; best dairy, 11@12c.

Minnesota Markets.

WHEAT, No. 1 hard, 70 1/2c; No. 2 hard, 72c; No. 1, 67c. Corn, No. 2 55c; rejected, 48@50c; condemned, 35@40c. Oats, No. 2 old, white, 25@26c; No. 2, new, 25 1/2c; rejected, 22@24c; condemned, 22@23c. Barley, No. 1, 55c@60c. Mixed Feed, No. 1, \$17.50@18; No. 2, \$16.50@17. Corn Meal, unbolted, \$17@18; bolted, \$21@22. Hay, timothy, \$19@20.50; wild, choice, \$8@8.50; No. 2 wild, \$5.50@6.75.

St. Paul Markets.

WHEAT.—No. 1 hard, new, 70c; No. 2 hard, 64c; No. 2, 66c. Corn, No. 2, 53c; No. 3, 48c. Oats, No. 2 mixed, 24c; No. 2 white, 25c; No. 3 extra, 24c. Rye, No. 2, 45c. Barley, No. 2, 37c; No. 3, 40c. Ground Feed, \$18.50. Baled Hay, \$8; timothy hay, \$10.00@10.50. Flax Seed, \$1.15. Timothy seed, \$1.20. Potatoes, 25c. Eggs, 14 1/2c. Butter, dairy fair, 12 1/2c; choice, 15c; creamery, 18c.

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