

## OUTLOOK FOR WHEAT

REPORTS RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.

Postoffice Department Will Enlarge Mail Facilities For the Large Cities—Alleged Embezzlement of Funds—Postmasters Appointed.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The May returns of the department of agriculture show a decline from the April condition of 1.2 points; 80.2 against 81.4 last month and 82.7 May 1, 1896.

The averages of the principal wheat states are: Ohio, 82; Michigan, 81; Indiana, 61; Illinois, 37; Missouri, 54; Kansas, 78; California, 97; Pennsylvania, 96.

The averages in the southern states are high, ranging from 85 in Mississippi to 98 in Texas, and in the minor states, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia, and 98 in New Jersey and 102 in Maryland.

As reported in April the worst injuries from freezing and deficient snow are in Illinois, though the bordering states, Indiana, Wisconsin, Iowa and Missouri report severe winter injury, and states bordering these, Ohio, Michigan, Nebraska and Kansas show reduced condition figures. Over the country elsewhere the condition is unusually good, being practically normal east of the Alleghenies, and quite high also on the Pacific slope.

### MAIL SERVICE.

Greater Suburban Facilities to Be Given the Larger Cities.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—A vigorous policy for extending mail facilities for the suburbs of the large cities as far as possible by both steam and electric cars has been adopted by Second Assistant Postmaster General Shellenberger. Many of the big cities will be given material additional service for the outlying districts if the citizens of those points co-operate with the department to make it a success, and the statement will be a welcome announcement to numerous places where feeling is evidenced that the demands of the suburbs are not met. Mr. Shellenberger is giving the matter careful attention, and as an initiative has just made contracts at Pittsburgh, Pa., for additional train service to various suburbs there within a range of thirty miles from the city, whereby from one to three extra mails a day will result from the use of accommodation trains. Electric cars will figure largely in future postal operations owing to the large number of settled districts where the steam roads do not touch.

### Tariff Commission Bill.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Representative Fowler of New Jersey has introduced in the house a bill for the creation of a tariff commission to investigate federal taxation so to recommend changes and to adjust inequalities of existing law. The bill provides for a commission of seven members at a salary of \$7,000 per annum with a term of office each of 21 years. The commission shall under the terms of the bill make annual reports to the president and it is given power with the written approval of the president to suspend any tax on imports in whole or part.

**Alleged Embezzlement of Funds.**  
WASHINGTON, May 8.—Robert H. Martin, formerly treasurer of the Columbian University of this city, was arrested yesterday and taken to the police court on charges of embezzling funds of the institution. The complaint was made by President Whitman of Columbian University and Trustees Woodward and Green. The defalcation is placed at \$20,850. Martin was released on \$5,000 security.

### Indiana Postmasters.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—The following postmasters have been appointed: Andersonville, Albert Stevens; Lynyville, D. A. Bohman; Mace, R. W. Campbell; Philadelphia, R. M. Meek.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Indiana postmasters were appointed yesterday as follows: Burchard, W. A. Nelson, Jr.; Cleveland, Isaac Munden; Eden, O. N. Trueblood; Leesville, J. W. Thorp; Marysville, A. H. Humphrey; Moscow, T. H. Carter; Odon, G. D. Abraham; Orange, T. Faurote; Spiceland, J. L. Eastridge; Wilkinson, G. W. Sowerwine.

### FAREWELL TO BAYARD.

Retiring Ambassador Given a Banquet by the American Society.

London, May 8.—The farewell banquet given last night by the American society in London to Mr. Bayard, former ambassador of the United States, was attended by 270 guests. The company included Ambassador Hay, Mrs. Hay and all the members of the American embassy, the lord bishop of London (Dr. Creighton), Baron Russell of Killoween, the lord chief justice, Sir Francis and Lady Jeune, Sir Edwin Arnold, Sir Henry Thompson, Lady Randolph Churchill, Lady Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Vivian and Miss Genevieve Ward, the actress. But there was a notable absence of the majority of the best known Americans residing in London.

### SCHOOENER SUNK.

The Annie E. Rudolph Collides With the Tug Paoli—Three Drowned.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., May 10.—The schooner Annie E. Rudolph, from Camden, N. J., for Boston, with iron-pipe, was sunk off Nauset, Cape Cod, by a collision with the tug Paoli yesterday, and Skipper Captain Gardiner, Mate Snell, both of New Jersey, and seaman were drowned. Steward G. Brown and Seaman Johnson were saved. The tug was uninjured.

### BREAK IN THE LEVEE.

VICKSBURG, Miss., May 11.—A break in the levee occurred last night at Baton Rouge, a short distance below the Burton mill break and within a short distance of the upper end of the Pochet train levee district. It was 150 feet wide at last reports. A desperate effort is being made to close it with prospects

### BURNED AT SEA.

**Fire in the Steamship Lena Suffocates Thirteen Passengers.**

NEW YORK, May 10.—The Malory line steamship Lena, bound from this port for Galveston, which left here Saturday, put back, arriving at her dock last night almost completely destroyed by fire. The fire made such rapid headway that before the passengers in the steerage could be awakened 13 of them were suffocated and died.

The horror of the story can hardly be told. Those who are dead were below decks, and although frantic efforts were made by the officers of the vessel to save them, the fire had gained such terrific headway before the danger was discovered that all escape was cut off. The steamer carried in her cargo many bales of cotton. It is not certain how the fire originated, but when it was discovered it burst forth with such fury that it was impossible to reach the steerage. Even then the steerage passengers apparently were unmindful of the danger, else the smoke and flames had not reached them. The saloon passengers were first aroused, and in such a manner as to occasion little alarm. When it became apparent that the fire had cut off the steerage the captain and his men poured great quantities of water down the ventilator, and the most frantic efforts were made for the escape of those penned up. In this way eight of the steerage passengers made their escape.

### TENNESSEE CENTENNIAL.

Attendance So Far Beyond the Management's Expectation.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 10.—The first seven days of the centennial exposition showed an attendance of 47,500. While this was gratifying to the management and citizens Saturday, the eighth day, more than surpassed all expectations, there being 26,000 admissions registered during the day and night, making a total so far of 73,500. Although the government building is not open to visitors and the pictures in the Parthenon are not all in place, with continued good weather, the coming week will show increased attendance, for as yet the visitors have been almost exclusively from the vicinity of Nashville. Today begins a week of many meetings and assemblies at the exposition grounds which will be well attended. The mothers' council began holding councils in the Woman's building, which includes a number of interesting features. Thus far no serious injury or accident has occurred within the exposition grounds. On the first favorable day Professor Barnard will again experiment with his airship.

### MASKED ROBBERS.

**Three Women Tortured Until One Reveals the Hiding Place of Money.**

NEW PHILADELPHIA, O., May 11.—Mrs. Elizabeth Balliott and her two daughters, Elizabeth and Emeline, who live on a farm near this place, had a terrible experience with masked burglars. There were four of the robbers. They battered down the front door with a rail. Mrs. Balliott and Elizabeth, who sleep together downstairs, were bound and, when they refused to tell where their money was hidden, one of the robbers struck Elizabeth on the head with a club, injuring her most seriously. Then the robbers went upstairs. They asked Emeline where the money was. She refused to tell, and the robbers applied a torch to her feet, burning them terribly. She then told them there was money in a trunk in her room, which they took and left the place. No trace of the robbers has been found.

### Rosse Hall Burned.

Kenyon College Loses an Historic Building by Fire.

Mt. VERNON, O., May 10.—Rosse hall at Kenyon college burned yesterday. Loss on building, which was totally destroyed, was only \$10,000, but the hall had a historic interest. It was built 50 years ago with money raised in England by Bishop Melville. Lords Gambier and Kenyon and Lady Rosse contributed most of the money and the hall was named in honor of Lady Rosse.

### IN MEMORY OF GRANT.

Yang Yu Plants a Tree Where the General Lay So Long.

NEW YORK, May 10.—As a tribute to the memory of General Grant, Yang Yu, former minister from China to the United States, has planted a tree in the ground under which the casket of General Grant lay for 12 years. The tree is called Ginkgobilo-Ba by Chinese botanists, and is said to grow to a height of about 100 feet.

### Princely Gift to Charity.

PARIS, May 10.—An anonymous donor has sent the sum of £37,500 to the committee of management of the charity bazaar in the Rue Jean Goujon, which was the scene of last week's terrible tragedy from fire. This amount, with the proceeds of the first day's sale (£1,800), equals the full receipts of the bazaar of 1890, and the committee is thus enabled to make distribution as before.

### Coal Breaker Burns.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., May 11.—Fire was discovered in the Spring Mountain breaker No. 4 of the Lehigh Valley Coal company at Jeanesville, early this morning and 40 minutes after the structure was in ashes. The breaker had a capacity of 800 tons of coal a day and 500 men and boys will be made idle. Loss, \$75,000; fully insured.

### Ohio Republicans.

COLUMBUS, O., May 8.—The Republican State Central committee late yesterday decided to hold the state convention in Toledo, June 22 and 23. Hon. Charles H. Grosvenor of Athens will be temporary chairman. There will be 1,050 delegates in the convention, the largest in the history of the party in the state.

### Severe Seismic Shock.

MELBOURNE, May 11.—A severe seismic disturbance took place yesterday in South Australia and Victoria. The shock was intermittent and continued for several minutes.

## NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

**INDIANA GOSSIP OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO OUR READERS.**

**Hoosier Happenings Taken Direct From the Wire and Served to Patrons in Condensed Form and Most Pleasing Style.**

**Newspaper Minor Notes.**

HAGERSTOWN, Ind., May 11.—A peculiar disease has broken out among horses in this and adjoining neighborhoods. In every instance it has proven fatal and neither remedy or name has been discovered. The symptoms are lassitude, disinclination to move, loss of appetite, stiffness, increasing to complete inability to get about, evidently extreme suffering, glazing of the eyes, with death in from 15 to 24 hours. The disease is extremely malignant, and in no case have the veterinarians been able to give relief. Henry Replotte, west of here, has lost three fine horses within a few hours of each other. He says horses in that section are dying like flies.

### UNITED STATES COURTS.

**Fifty Indictments Returned—Three of the Most Important Cases.**

INDIANAPOLIS, May 10.—The United States grand jury returned about 50 indictments Saturday evening. The most important are against Timothy E. Painter, charged with passing counterfeit money. Painter was a clerk in a hotel in Illinois and some one passed a \$2 bill on him that had been raised to \$10. While visiting in Kokomo recently he passed the bill and was arrested and indicted. He will be tried next Monday. On the following day W. T. Rominger, charged with making false pension affidavits, and Harry Jones, charged with interfering with the mails, will be tried.

### ROBBED A PRIEST.

**Reverend Father and His Cook Brutally Handled by Masked Men.**

DYER, Ind., May 11.—Two masked men forced an entrance into the residence of Rev. Joseph Flacke, the village priest, and ransacked the house, taking nearly everything of value. The noise made by the robbers awakened the priest and his cook. Seeing they were to be resisted, the thieves used an iron bar with murderous effect, striking the cook on the head, inflicting dangerous wounds. The reverend father attempted to use a revolver, but it failed to work and he was roughly handled by the intruders. No clew to the robbers.

### RUN DOWN AND KILLED.

**Old Man Crawling Over a Trestle Mistaken for a Hog by an Engineer.**

ORLEANS, Ind., May 8.—An old man named Hutchason was run over and killed by a train on the Orleans branch of the Monon yesterday at Lost river, four miles south of here. Both legs were cut off above the knees. He was about 80 years old. He was crawling on the trestle and was mistaken by the engineer for a hog until too near to stop the engine. He is supposed to have been demented. His remains were taken to Paoli for burial.

### Christian Ministers to Meet.

WABASH, Ind., May 8.—The Northern Indiana Christian Ministerial association will meet here next week. Secretary of State William D. Owen, who was formerly a minister of the church, will deliver an address on "Alexander Campbell." The association was organized 33 years ago. Elder L. L. Carpenter of this city was a charter member, of which there were 14. All are dead except Mr. Carpenter, who has officiated at the funeral of seven of the organizers. The organization now has 125 members.

### Thomas Callahan Pardoned.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 11.—The governor yesterday pardoned Thomas Callahan, who is dying of consumption at the Michigan City state prison. He was one of the prisoners recently removed from Jeffersonville. Warden Harley telegraphed the governor that the man could live but a few hours and at the urgent request of the prisoner's wife he was pardoned. He was sent from Jackson county in 1892 for 20 years for killing a man over 15 cents.

### Livery Stable Burns.

MUNCIE, Ind., May 8.—Loy Franklin's livery stable caught fire yesterday from a defective connection of an electric light wire and 20 vehicles, 250 bushels of corn, 20 tons of hay and other property were destroyed. The horses, 200 head, were cut loose and driven from the stable. Loss, \$2,000 on contents and \$3,000 on building.

### Washington Coal Miners.

WASHINGTON, Ind., May 11.—Coal miners in this vicinity are still out. There is little hope of an agreement with the operators as they demand a reduction of 9 cents in the scale. One firm is putting in a large amount of machinery and this will throw many men out as the firm expects to run night and day.

### Too Large for a Domestic.

LAGRANGE, Ind., May 10.—Lucy Havens of Laporte is said to be the largest girl of her age in the country. She is not out of her teens and weighs 375 pounds. She makes her home in the county infirmary, not from choice, but because she is too unwieldy for domestic service.

**Received Official Notice of Holman's Death.**

INDIANAPOLIS, May 11.—Governor Mount received official notice yesterday of the death of Congressman Holman of the Fourth district, from the clerk of Dearborn county. The governor will decide in a day or two when he will issue a call for a special election.

### Found Hanging in a Barn.

WARSAW, Ind., May 11.—George Hopkins was found hanging in a barn yesterday. He was partially demented, to which is attributed the cause of his suicide.

### Fractured His Skull.

MELBOURNE, May 11.—A severe seismic disturbance took place yesterday in South Australia and Victoria. The shock was intermittent and continued for several minutes.

### THE TARIFF ON CUTLERY.

**Why the Trust Can Dictate Such Outrageously High Duties.**

One of the worst schedules in the Dingley bill is that relating to cutlery—especially pocket cutlery. The duties on pocketknives range from 100 per cent to 300 per cent above present duties and are nearly double those in the McKinley bill. Why, you will ask, are these duties so extraordinarily high? And why are they allowed to remain there? Both questions are easily answered.

It is unnecessary here to go into details. Before McKinley's nomination one of the five or six large manufacturers of pocket cutlery, who was prominent in the trust, which raised prices an average of about 35 per cent under the McKinley bill, began to hustle for McKinley. He is said to have raised a large sum of money by passing the hat among the 20 or 25 cutlery manufacturers. Just how the money was spent is not known. It is probable, however, that several McKinley delegates to St. Louis owed their presence there to this fund. The hat passer himself was one of the very few delegates from New York who was for McKinley first, last and all the time. He was one of Hanna's most trusted lieutenants. One of the two favors which he is said to have asked as compensation for his valuable services was the fixing of the cutlery schedule. This privilege, being an ordinary and expected one under the protection system, was readily granted by the power behind the throne. This is probably the whole story. It explains fully why the duties are there and why they will stay there.

Below is given in detail some of the effects of the proposed duties as applied to imports for the last fiscal year. Of course but few knives will be imported under such exorbitant duties.

### PROPOSED SCHEDULE.

First.—All pocket knives not costing more than 40 cents a dozen, 35 per cent ad valorem. Second.—Costing more than 40 cents a dozen, 1 blade, 20 per cent ad valorem and 50 cents a dozen. Third.—Costing more than 40 cents a dozen, 2 blade, 20 per cent ad valorem and \$1 a dozen. (If pearl or shell, 50 cents a dozen extra.) Fourth.—Costing more than 40 cents a dozen, 3 blade, 20 per cent ad valorem and \$1.50 a dozen. Fifth.—Costing more than 40 cents a dozen, 4 blade or more, 20 per cent ad valorem and \$2 a dozen. (If pearl or shell, 75 cents a dozen extra on 3 and 4 blades.)

Calculation showing result based on imports for fiscal year 1896: All knives costing 40 cents per dozen and less:

296,000 dozen, average price, 26 cents; value, \$76,900, 35 per cent.

Knives costing over 40 cents per dozen:

48,000 dozen, 1 blade, average price, 60 cents; value, \$28,800; at 20 per cent and 50 cents a dozen; duty: \$20,700.

302,000 dozen, 2 blade, average price, \$1.03; value, \$30,600; at 20 per cent and \$1 a dozen; duty: \$17,752.

277,000 dozen, 3 blade, average price, \$1.27; value, \$31,470; at 20 per cent and \$1.50 a dozen; duty: \$16,888.

254,000 dozen, 4 blade, average price, \$1.73; value, \$34,530; at 20 per cent and \$2 per dozen; duty: \$16,884.