

### CONGRESSIONAL

**Regular Session.**  
The first regular session of the Fifty-third congress convened at noon on the 4th. In the senate a large number of bills and resolutions were introduced and referred to appropriate committees. After the reading of the president's message, the deaths of Charles O'Neill and William Lilly, late representatives from Pennsylvania, were announced and the senate, as a mark of respect, adjourned. The speaker called the house to order at noon and H. S. Bundy, of Ohio, and Mr. Griffin, of Michigan, new members took the oath at the office. The deaths of Messrs. O'Neill and Lilly were announced. After the reading of the message from the president the house adjourned.

### DOMESTIC.

COLORADO'S gold output for 1893 will show an increase of over 100 per cent. over 1892, which was up to that time the largest yearly output in the history of the state or territory.

The Mexico (Mo.) Daily Intelligencer, edited by S. B. Cook, secretary of the democratic state central committee, has suspended.

At Oak Harbor, O., a boiler in a saw-mill exploded, killing Edward Gordon, engineer, Edward W. Monroe, sawyer, and David Wright, laborer.

The general assembly of the Farmers' Mutual Benefit association in session at Indianapolis voted to consolidate with the other farmers' organizations of the country.

In answer to Commissioner Blount's report on Hawaiian affairs ex-Minister Stevens alleges a conspiracy to discredit Harrison's administration.

For the first five months of the present fiscal year the government expenditures have exceeded the receipts by \$34,000,000.

NEWTON JONES, who killed O. G. Herndon, was lynched at Baxley, Ga. He was taken from the officers who had arrested him.

SECRETARY LAMONT in his annual report of the war department says the total strength of the army on September 30, 1893, was 2,144 officers and 25,779 enlisted men. The organized militia in the states numbered 142,597 men. The expenditures for the year were \$51,906,074.

Of the grand jury which recently adjourned at Columbia, Mo., three members are dead and another was ill.

JOHN R. PROCTOR has been appointed civil service commissioner in place of G. D. Johnston, removed by the president.

SEVENTEEN business houses were burned at Jasper, Ala.

It was reported that thirteen persons were drowned in the Missouri opposite Blair, Neb., while trying to cross the river with cattle.

In a drunken row among miners at Eckman, W. Va., six men were killed and four others were fatally injured.

MISS EDITH ERSKINE, of Pleasure-ridge Park, Ky., won fifteen barrels of whisky by guessing on world's fair attendance.

The annual report of Secretary of the Navy Herbert shows that the total number of serviceable war vessels in the United States navy is forty-one, fifteen of which are armored. In addition there are sixty-four vessels on the list, mostly wooden cruisers, tugs and monitors that are set down as un-serviceable for war purposes. The United States ranks seventh in the list of naval powers.

PROTESTING his innocence of the murder of his wife and mother-in-law Van Baker died of consumption in the West Virginia penitentiary at Moundsville.

R. E. PRESTON, the director of the mint, in his annual report says the value of the coinage executed at the United States mints during the fiscal year was \$43,685,178. The stock of metallic money in the United States in July, 1893, was estimated to have been: Gold, \$97,697,685; silver, \$615,561,484. The amount of money in active circulation, exclusive of the amount held by the treasury, was stated as \$1,590,701,255.

An incendiary fire destroyed Jackson City, the Monte Carlo of the district of Columbia.

PROMOTERS of the new town site at the gold discoveries in Colorado have named it Balfour, in honor of the English champion of bimetallism.

TWENTY-ONE horses were burned in a fire at Lexington, Mo., and five others were made useless by their injuries.

FIRE destroyed the interior of a large clothing store in Chicago, the loss being \$185,000.

HELEN DAUVRAY, the actress, was granted a divorce from John M. Ward, the ball player, by a New York judge.

The public debt statement issued on the 1st showed that the debt increased \$6,715,898 during the month of November. The cash balance in the treasury was \$95,199,617. The total debt, less the cash balance in the treasury, amounts to \$661,568,316.

FLAMES in the worsted mill of J. F. Cochran & Bro. in Philadelphia caused a loss of \$225,000.

THERE were 275 business failures in the United States in the seven days ended on the 1st, against 387 the week previous and 236 in the corresponding time in 1892.

THE exchanges at the leading clearing houses in the United States during the week ended on the 1st aggregated \$790,870,812, against \$937,775,035 the previous week. The decrease, compared with the corresponding week in 1892, was 42.8.

THE secretary of the interior in his annual report says the policy of removing from the pension rolls those who are not legally thereon will be continued, and denies that the purpose has ever existed of an extreme and unreasonable manner of suspending pensioners. He says that the work of the Indian bureau shows that they are steadily advancing in civilization. He recommends that Arizona, New Mexico and Utah be admitted as states into the union.

THOUSANDS of Kansas City people were suffering from the grip.

FIRE destroyed the Newell block at Utica, N. Y., the loss being \$140,000.

VICTOR F. CYRIER, a drug clerk employed by E. L. Caron in Chicago, and Mrs. E. L. Caron, the wife of Cyrier's employer, committed suicide at the Virginia hotel. They left letters indicating that the pair had been too intimate.

ABE STEIN & Co., importers of goat skin, hides, etc., in New York, failed for \$1,000,000.

GEORGE ARMSTRONG (colored) was hanged at Taylorsville, Ky., for the murder of Kate Downs; John Reiter was executed at Astoria, Ore., for the murder of Victor Snellman, and Charles Johnson (colored) was hanged at Swainsboro, Ga., for the murder of a negro named Shields.

THE leather firm of Edwards & Barrett, of Boston, failed for \$500,000.

THE government receipts from all sources during November aggregated \$23,979,400, or nearly \$5,000,000 less than during the same time in 1892. The expenditures last November were \$31,302,026, or \$1,750,000 more than in November, 1892.

THE town of Durant, I. T., was completely destroyed by fire.

LEROY, alias Edwards, the murderer of Mrs. Dr. Haynes and three other women in Denison, Tex., was sentenced to ninety-nine years' imprisonment.

It was reported that a large number of Chinese were coming into the United States at a point a few miles below Debrío, Mexico.

DURING the recent blizzard Nicholas Bergstrom and two daughters were killed by snow slides at Glendale, Mont., three miners met a like fate at Hecla, Mont., and near Pine City, Minn., Mrs. Russell and her daughter were frozen to death.

THE New York board of education will try to put an end to cigarette smoking among scholars.

IN Baltimore three large manufacturing buildings and the University of Maryland were burned, causing a loss of \$400,000.

THE failure of members to meet their obligations has caused the collapse of many building associations in western Pennsylvania.

IN navigating the great lakes in the season just closed 123 lives were lost, fifty-three boats, with an aggregate tonnage of 24,258 and valued at \$1,040,400, passed out of existence, and partial losses by stranding, collisions and fire bring the grand total of losses on boats to \$2,112,558.

WOMAN suffrage was carried by 6,347 majority in Colorado and Gov. Waite has issued a proclamation giving women the right to vote at all elections in the state.

A SHORTAGE of more than \$40,000 has been discovered in the accounts of Lewis A. Arthur, treasurer of Bedford county, Va.

SWEARING he would not go to jail for life Alfred Anderson swallowed poison in a Port Madison (Ia.) court.

THREE men seized the Luzerne (Ia.) depot, robbed every person who came along and imprisoned them in the freight room.

JUDGE STOVER, of Kansas City, Mo., decided shaving unnecessary labor and that barber shops should be closed on Sunday.

MRS. MACREADY, of Florence, Kan., was suffering from hydrophobia taken from a chicken that had been bitten.

JUDGE WINTERS, of Indianapolis, ordered the receiver of the Order of Iron Hall to wind up its affairs.

THREE men were killed while descending the shaft of a slate quarry at Weisstown, Pa., by the breaking of the cable.

THE special committee sent to the upper Michigan peninsula by Gov. Rich reports the miners in urgent need of relief.

FOR stealing cattle to feed starving families six men received a one-year sentence at Cheyenne, Wyo., the lowest penalty.

HOUSES Nos. 1 and 2 of the Union Dock & Warehouse company at Duluth were burned, causing a loss of \$105,000.

PAULINE CUSHMAN, the noted female scout of the rebellion, died at San Francisco from an overdose of morphine.

A FIRE swept through the commercial center of Baltimore, entailing a loss of \$700,000 and throwing out of employment over 500 persons.

LUCIUS HOLT, a negro arrested at Concord, Ga., on suspicion of the murder of Wilbur Reynolds, was lynched by a mob.

A BRONZE statue of Koscoe Conkling was unveiled in Madison square, New York.

THE annual report of the comptroller of the currency shows 3,796 national banks to have been in operation at the close of the report year, with a capital stock of \$995,558,120. Within the same period 158 banks suspended, with a capital stock of \$30,300,000. Of this number eighty-six, with a capital stock of \$18,205,000, resumed, and sixty-five passed into the hands of receivers, with a capital stock of \$10,885,000.

THE seventh annual report of the interstate commerce commission claims reforms have been made, although short of expectations.

A FIRE at Corsicana, Tex., cremated thirty-five horses and burned other property, the loss being \$100,000.

THE visible supply of grain in the United States on the 4th was: Wheat, 78,091,000 bushels; corn, 7,948,000 bushels; oats, 4,255,000 bushels; rye, 594,000 bushels; barley, 3,342,000 bushels.

IN a fit of insanity John Dunlap, a railway employe in Chicago, shot his wife and himself fatally.

CRAZED by business troubles O. B. Sawyer, of Palestine, Tex., shot his wife and then killed himself.

JOHN DELFINO, an Italian barber, was successfully electrocuted in the state prison at Sing Sing, N. Y., for the murder of Caroline Gissell in Brooklyn eleven months ago.

E. C. WILLIAMSON, mayor of Hazelhurst, Miss., was beaten to death with a baseball bat by Kirby Miller.

THREE HUNDRED men resumed work in the Pullman repair shops at Wilmington, Del., at a reduction of 20 per cent in wages.

THE boiler of a Texas & Pacific engine exploded near Eastland, Tex., killing Engineer Charles Elliott, Fireman Charles Beavers and brakeman Frank Spence.

THE Citizens' national bank at Grand Island, Neb., the oldest bank in the city, closed its doors.

A CANAL which will irrigate 1,200,000 acres of land in the Salton desert is projected by a number of Denver capitalists.

THE Bruen stables near Burlington, Ia., were burned and fourteen valuable horses perished in the flames.

SECRETARY CARLISLE asks for an appropriation for the treasury department for the next fiscal year of \$411,579,041.

JOHN DAVIS was horribly burned and his wife and child cremated in a prairie fire in the Cherokee strip.

At Erie, Pa., Edward Cady, a victim of morphine, killed two of his children and then put a bullet in his own brain.

ANOTHER big gas well struck in West Seneca, near Buffalo, N. Y., the flow of which was estimated at 1,000,000 feet per day.

RICORD ROSSEAU, president of the Banque Francaise in New York, fled with at least \$20,000 belonging to his depositors.

THE New York locomotive machine works at Rome, N. Y., were burned, the loss being \$500,000.

A FIRE in the store of the Powers Dry Goods company at St. Paul, Minn., caused a loss of \$100,000.

### PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

DR. ALEXANDER GUY, aged 93, died at Oxford, O. He gave thousands of dollars to colleges, churches and charitable institutions.

EX-CONGRESSMAN PHILLIPS, of Salina, Kan., died suddenly at Fort Gibson, I. T. He served three terms in the house.

GEN. WILLIAM LILLY, congressman at large from Pennsylvania, died at his home at Mauch Chunk of congestion of the lungs.

JUDGE E. C. BILLINGS of the United States circuit court at New Orleans, La., died from heart disease at New Haven, Conn.

SAMUEL RICHARDS, one of the foremost of American artists, died at Denver of a grippe.

WAP SEY, a Pottawatomie Indian living near Hartford, Mich., is 110 years old.

THE republicans of Chicago nominated George B. Swift for mayor and the democrats named John P. Hopkins.

J. J. VAN ALLEN has declined the appointment as ambassador to Italy.

### FOREIGN.

In a collision between passenger and freight trains in Italy twenty persons were killed and many injured.

TWENTY-one persons were killed in a fight to prevent troops closing a Catholic church at Krosche, Russia.

THE Mexican revolutionists were making it unsafe for travelers to cross the border.

SEVERE earthquake shocks were felt at River Moisie and Seven Islands in Canada.

CANADA'S new tariff measure will discriminate against the United States and in favor of Great Britain.

JOHN BOYD, governor of New Brunswick, died of apoplexy at St. John.

PROF. JOHN TYNDALL, LL. D., the eminent scientist and author, died at Haslemere, Surrey, England, aged 73 years.

ADVICES from Hawaii were to the effect that no change in the situation had taken place. The provisional government was still in power and Minister Willis was awaiting instructions from Washington.

### LATER.

IN the United States senate on the 5th Mr. Hoar offered a resolution requesting the president to communicate to the senate instructions given to any representative of the United States in regard to Hawaiian affairs. Mr. Dolph very severely criticised the administration for its action in regard to Hawaii. The nomination of W. D. Hornblower, to be associate justice of the supreme court, was received from the president. In the house a bill was introduced providing for the transfer of the pension bureau from the interior to the war department. The bankruptcy bill was discussed.

A RECEIVER was appointed for the Minnekahta state bank at Hot Springs, S. D.

THE British ship Jason went ashore off Highland light, near Boston, in a hurricane, and the crew of twenty-six, with Capt. McMillan, were drowned.

THE Chicago trust and savings bank was placed in the hands of a receiver.

MARTIN ANDERSON, murdered an unidentified woman in the cellar of his employer's store at Omaha and then killed himself.

THE Lehigh Valley railroad strike was declared off, both sides making concessions.

HARPER WHITMIRE, a farmer aged 40, murdered his mother-in-law and sister-in-law and then disappeared in the hills at Butler, Pa. Robbery was the motive.

CAPT. BASSETT has completed his sixty-second year of continuous government service. Daniel Webster made him a page.

MRS. GEORGE H. WILLIAMS, a Portland (Ore.) religious enthusiast, finished a forty-day fast and resumed eating.

THE Georgia house passed the bill providing for the issue of currency notes by state banks.

A DEN where counterfeit nickels, dimes, quarters and halves were being made was discovered in Cincinnati and the counterfeiters were arrested.

EIGHT thousand persons in the Michigan peninsula were said to be in need of assistance.

JUAN GUADALUPE was shot by law in the City of Mexico for beating to death his 3-year-old boy who refused to drink a cup of coffee.

THE influenza was increasing in many places in Germany, and at some points was largely of a fatal character.

SCHLOSS & Co., New York clothing manufacturers, failed for \$500,000. The firm was ruined by its confidential manager, who embezzled \$75,000.

### THE HIGHEST AWARD.

Royal Baking Powder Has All the Honors—In Strength and Value 30 Per Cent. Above Its Nearest Competitor.

The Royal Baking Powder has the enviable record of having received the highest award for articles of its class—greatest strength, purest ingredients, most perfectly combined—wherever exhibited in competition with others. In the exhibitions of former years, at the Centennial, at Paris, Vienna and at the various State and Industrial fairs, where it has been exhibited, judges have invariably awarded the Royal Baking Powder the highest honors.

At the recent World's Fair the examinations for the baking powder awards were made by the experts of the chemical division of the Agricultural Department at Washington. The official report of the tests of the baking powders, which was made by this Department for the specific purpose of ascertaining which was the best, and which has been made public, shows the leavening strength of the Royal to be 160 cubic inches of carbonic gas per ounce of powder. Of the cream of tartar baking powders exhibited, the next highest in strength, thus tested, contained but 133 cubic inches of leavening gas. The other powders gave an average of 111. The Royal, therefore, was found to be 20 per cent. greater leavening strength than its nearest competitor, and 44 per cent. above the average of all the other tests. Its superiority in other respects, however, in the quality of the food it makes as to fineness, delicacy and wholesomeness, could not be measured by figures. It is these high qualities, known and appreciated by the women of the country for so many years, that have caused the sales of the Royal Baking Powder, as shown by statistics, to exceed the sale of all other baking powders combined.

### THE DRAGON'S BACKBONE.

Some of the Obstacles Put in the Way of Railway Development in China.

The obstacles which the railway development of China encounters from time to time are well illustrated by an incident which recently occurred in connection with the construction of the line between Kirin and Newchang, the seaport of Manchuria. It was proposed to make a junction at a place called Lanpin, outside the city of Moukden. For this permission had to be obtained from the Tartar general of Moukden.

This functionary at once proceeded to call in his geomancers—a species of soothsayers who give information concerning the good fortune and ill fortune of sites and are supposed by the Chinese to know what demons and dragons inhabit the earth under the surface.

These wise men reported that the dragon whose body encircles the holy city of Moukden lay coiled up in such a way that, if the railway came through Lanpin, the long nails driven into the ties would pierce his backbone and in all probability set him to raging violently, to the great detriment of the inhabitants of Moukden.

The general consequently refused the application of the railway people and directed them to carry the road in a straight line from Kirin to Newchang, avoiding Moukden.

The engineers thereupon appealed to Li Hung Chang, the imperial viceroy, showing that as this proposed route would go through a marshy and uninhabited country, it could not be profitable for their enterprise.

Li Hung Chang wrote to the general of Moukden highly commending him for his discretion in consulting the geomancers but suggesting that these sage persons go over the ground again and see if they could not find a place where the nails would not be likely to strike into the dragon's back.

As a word from the viceroy is law in China the general had his geomancers indicate a spot for the junction at Lanpin where they thought that, after all, the dragon's backbone would be safe and there the railway will be built, if no other peculiarly Chinese obstacle intervenes.—Chicago News.

### Maire Good Fare.

Uncle Bill Merrill gave an old-fashioned husking-bee last week, so reports the Byron correspondent of the Oxford Democrat, who lets his memory and his imagination run away with him in this wise: "Baked beans, puddings, pies, cakes and saucers and apples that would melt in your mouth. Loaves of brown bread stood so high and so large on the table that Fred Abbott (six feet high) had to stand on tiptoe to get sight of his partner on the other side. Forty guests surrounded the table, while sixteen babies were laid away in beds and cabbies to revel in innocent dreams. After supper music from four violins and a tambourine, with frequent choruses from the babies, made old age and youth forget all care and sorrow. Abraham, a three years' cripple, was so elated he took the floor and gave a splendid exhibition of fancy clog dancing, while George Maher wore a hollow in the doornote dancing."—Lewiston Journal.

### Not Going to Waste the Picture.

An artist declares that a newly-betrothed lover commissioned him to paint a certain secluded nook in the rocks on the shore, because there he had declared his passion. The picture was painted, but before it was done the lover said to the artist:

"Of course I will see you through on that picture, but my engagement is off, and of course, it would be painfully suggestive to me. If you can sell it to somebody else I will take another picture, and be extremely obliged besides."

The painter assented to the arrangement, but within a week his patron presented himself.

"It is all right," he announced joyously. "I'll take that picture."

"Am I to congratulate you on the renewal of your engagement?" the artist asked.

The other seemed a little confused, but quickly recovered his self-possession, and grinned as he said:

"Well, not exactly. It was the same place, but the girl was different."—Pearson's Weekly.

### INDIANA STATE NEWS.

THE other afternoon, during a heavy snowstorm, James Post, of Bucyrus, O., a brakeman on the Nickel Plate, was run over by a freight train east of Waukegan, and instantly killed.

Gov. MATTHEWS has pardoned Mrs. Martin, of Dubois county, who had been sent to the Female reformatory for life for infanticide.

CHARLES MULLEN, at Winchester, got two years in prison and a \$35 fine for an assault on Minnie Smith.

WM. HOUSTON, a well-known young man, was killed by a Lake Shore and Michigan Southern train while crossing the track in a carriage. He was blinded by the snow and did not see the train.

MRS. WM. SCHULTZ, who resides just east of Flat Rock, Bartholomew county, was making soap the other day near her house, when her dress caught fire and was burned off her. She lingered in great agony a few days, when death released her from her sufferings.

JACK SOUTHERS, a tool-dresser, fell fifty feet from a derrick near Nottingham late the other evening, and was instantly killed. His body struck the ground with a terrible thud, and almost every bone was broken. He was a Canadian by birth, and was a very heavy man, weighing over 200 pounds.

THERE was a sad Thanksgiving day at the home of Wm. Kuller, Terre Haute. Their little son Willie, aged 4, had been sick with the croup and while playing mixed some bottles on the medicine stand so that his parents gave him carbolic acid by mistake. He died in great agony.

MRS. A. DAVIDSON, a niece of Andrew Jackson, from Portland, Ore., lays claim to 1,000 acres of land near Daleville, ten miles west of Muncie.

THE new I. O. O. F. temple at Manchester, was dedicated by Grand Master C. F. Northern, the other day, in the presence of many visiting brethren from southern Indiana.

A CITY hospital is to be built at Vincennes.

At Warsaw the diphtheria epidemic is abating.

THE gambling houses at Frankfort are being shut up by the authorities.

AN artificial stone manufacturing company is to be located at Muncie.

LEWIS MARTS, the man who worked the green goods scheme on his former friends near Matamoras, Blackford county, was given a sentence of three years in prison, a fine of \$50 and disfranchisement for fifteen years by Judge Vaughn on a plea of guilty.

HUGH MONROE, working for Kenton Bros., fell from the top of an oil derrick in the southern part of Adams county, sustaining injuries from which he died.

MRS. JOHN KING, of Cannelton, was perhaps fatally burned, her dress taking fire at a grate.

JAMES YOST, a Nickel-plate brakeman, was so badly crushed while coupling cars at Knox that he died on the train taking him to Ft. Wayne.

IN the circuit court, at Lafayette, the other evening, Reuben Meyer, convicted of burglary as a confederate of the notorious crook, Edmund Fahnstock, was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

SAM SNIDER, a young farmer living five miles west of Geneva, committed suicide the other morning. He was missed and some of his relatives went out to look for him. On entering the barn they found his body hanging to a beam. He had been dead several hours. Snider was only 22 years of age, and no cause can be assigned for his rash act.

THE state banking department has prepared its annual report. There are eighty-seven state banks in operation in Indiana. Eight banks have failed since May 1, but their places have been taken by other banks that have since organized. Some of the banks that suspended have resumed. The following resources are for 1893. Resources—Loans and discounts, \$8,323,060.72; overdrafts, \$115,233.46; U. S. bonds, \$42,100; other stocks, bonds and mortgages, \$365,570.82; due from banks and bankers, \$1,228,113.96; banking-house, \$188,983.54; other real estate, \$121,835.53; furniture and fixtures, \$151,499.32; current expenses, \$100,787.39; taxes paid, \$7,576.39; premiums, \$24,097.35; cash on hand, \$1,615,402.45; total, \$12,494,260.65. Liabilities—Capital stock, \$4,509,150; surplus, \$638,968.45; undivided profits, \$137,491.84; discount, interest and exchange, \$243,722.33; profit and loss, \$93,702.18; dividends unpaid, \$8,268.19; demand deposits, \$5,733,804.23; time deposits, \$555,913.86; certified checks, \$1,107.89; cashier's checks, \$1,221.34; due banks and bankers, \$54,772.15; notes and bills discounted, \$39,296.14; bills payable, \$65,750; total, \$12,494,260.65.

UNIONTOWN, near Seymour, the other night, furnished a quadruple murder, followed by suicide. It is stated that John Foster, a well-to-do, but erratic farmer of Uniontown, in a fit of temporary insanity, killed his wife and their three children with a revolver, and then blew out his own brains. Foster has always been regarded by his fellow-villagers as a little weak-minded and queer. He has frequently had trouble with his wife, and several years ago they separated. Recently a reconciliation was effected and Foster returned