

WALKERTON INDEPENDENT.

WALKERTON, INDIANA

SOLDIERS EXEMPTED.

RELIEVED FROM RESIDENCE ON HOMESTEADS.

Ominous Outlook at Connellsburg—Bloody Riot at Kansas City—Election Results Mixed at Chicago—Grain-Laden Boat Founders in the Straits.

Soldiers' Homestead Rights.

The Senate Committee on Public Lands has agreed to report favorably Senator Kyle's amendment to the sundry civil appropriation bill providing that any honorably discharged soldier of the late civil war, not now the owner of 160 acres of land, and who has not availed himself of the privileges under the land laws of the United States, may acquire title to 160 acres of land by making application therefor in person at any Government land office and paying the minimum price of \$1.25 per acre. The law now requires a residence of six months on the part of the ex-soldiers.

Bullets Mixed with Ballots.

BITTERLY opposed in both religion and politics, two Kansas City, Mo., factions came together in a bloody conflict at the polls in that city Tuesday. It cannot be stated which side is responsible for the affair, as the partisans of each loudly charge the other with being the full cause of the trouble. More than a hundred shots were exchanged between the combatants in less than that many seconds, and when the firing ceased men were lying dead, dying, or injured on the pavement. The riot was the culmination of a bitter feeling which had been manifested by actions and words ever since the polls opened in the morning. The two antagonistic elements were solidly divided in their choice of candidates for Mayor. The aggressive supposition that each side gave to its candidate during one of the hottest campaigns ever known in the city engendered a strong sentiment. It was, therefore, in no amiable mood that the workers of the respective factions came together at the different polling places throughout the city, and that these workers came expecting trouble to occur before the day was over was apparent from the number of deadly weapons that were drawn when the first pistol-shot was fired. The riot that resulted so fatally was the climax of a series of smaller riots that took place at other points earlier in the day between the same opposing religious factions.

Barge Barnum Sinks.

THE steam barge William H. Barnum, laden with 55,000 bushels of corn, struck an iceberg and foundered about six miles from Mackinaw City. The crew was rescued by the tug Crusader. Ice is flowing in the Straits, but it was not thought sufficient to do any damage. The Barnum was owned by J. J. H. Brown, of Buffalo. The cargo is fully insured and the boat partly insured.

NEWS NUGGETS.

PRESIDENT J. H. CALLOWAY, of Douglasville, Ga., College, shot himself through the heart.

PEACE has been restored in Samoa, an aristocrat having been arranged between the opposing forces.

THE weavers in the Riverside Mills at Olneyville, R. I., went out in a body. A general strike will follow.

FOR the first time in the history of Harvard University a Catholic priest conducted the regular Sunday services for the students.

OBITUARY: At Newark, N. J., ex-Congressman George A. Halsey, aged 67; at Pittsburgh, Edward B. Wall; at Wilmington, Ill., Franklin Mitchell, aged 82.

R. D. WALSH, County Commissioner at Rockport, Texas was killed by B. S. Weir. The difficulty was about the occupancy of a house. The slayer is at large.

THE Daily Telegram, a new afternoon penny paper, is announced to appear at Boston. It is to be published by Torry E. Wardner, will be Democratic, and will advocate the advanced school of bimetallism.

A MANUFACTURED ice palace is to be built in Baltimore, to be opened June 1. Skating will be had the year round. It will resemble in construction the one constructed in the Cold Storage Building at the World's Fair.

REPUBLICANS made gains in Chicago's aldermanic election on Tuesday, and the body stand: 42 Republicans and 26 Democrats, instead of 38 to 30 as formerly. Political lines, however, were not closely drawn, and the positions of Assessor, Collector, Supervisor, and Clerk, in the various towns, are filled by men in many instances who do not belong to the leading party.

A CONNELLSVILLE (Pa.) dispatch says the situation in the coke region is now at the most critical stage. At first it was thought the Frick men would remain at work but this impression was dispelled when the men at Trotter came out. The company has made no attempt to a resume, and will probably not do so until the strikers cease hostile demonstrations. The feeling among the foreigners throughout the entire region is very bitter. They are said to be well supplied with dynamite, and will not hesitate to use it if the occasion presents itself.

BILL DALTON, the notorious outlaw, was fatally wounded in a fight with officers in the Indian Territory.

THE Iowa Senate has passed a House bill allowing the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in at wholesale in the State.

A FIRE in which three children, aged two, six and twelve years, lost their lives occurred at Calumet a small station in the Nickel-Plate four miles south of Hammond, Ind. The victims were children of Edward Price, section foreman of the rail.

EASTERN.

ALEX. ROSS has pleaded guilty at Pierre, S. D., to an indictment charging him with embezzling \$25,000 from the First National Bank of Leadville.

T. V. DICKINSON's jewelry store at Buffalo was seized by the Sheriff on execution for local banks and New York merchants.

AN employee of the American Exchange National Bank of New York conspired with an outsider and swindled the concern out of \$33,000.

REV. SYLVESTER MALONE, of Brooklyn, is to succeed the late Bishop McNierney, of Albany, as Regent of the University of the State of New York.

A GENERAL strike of the 10,000 coke workers and miners of the Connellsville, Pa., region was ordered by the executive committee of the United Mineworkers, to go into effect next Monday.

A. J. MOXHAM, president of the big steel company at Johnstown, Pa., and Tom L. Johnson, one of the heaviest stockholders, are in Cleveland seeking a site for a new steel mill to cost about \$2,000,000.

A. G. A. R. DELEGATION representing the State of Michigan arrived at Pittsburgh, Pa., to secure quarters for the State Department during the annual encampment next fall. The delegation also arranged for headquarters for Judge Charles D. Long, who is a candidate for Commander-in-chief of the Grand Army.

A SPECIAL from Middletown, Md., gives particulars of a frightful dash down South Mountain of a runaway team of six horses driven by Albert Miller. The rubber on the wagon broke; the saddle horse, a valuable animal, fell and broke his neck, throwing Mr. Miller and sojourning him that he now lies in a comatose condition, with his death anticipated.

JUDGE DALLAS has filed an opinion in the United States Circuit Court at Philadelphia, holding that Chinamen cannot be naturalized. Judge Dallas says that the act of Congress of May 6, 1882, entitled "an act to execute certain treaty stipulations relating to China," forbids the admission of Chinese to citizenship at any time after its passage, and is still in force.

FRITZ KLOETZER, a Dolgeville (N. Y.) shoemaker, killed his wife and four children at his home and then committed suicide. He had been out of work for a long time and despondency is supposed to have led to the deed. For weeks he had been selling off his furniture piece by piece to pay for bread for his family. The bodies of the entire family of six were found stretched on a few blankets in a back bedroom.

WESTERN.

JUDGE CALDWELL has made a ruling in favor of the Union Pacific employees in the wage scale hearing at Omaha.

SIX HUNDRED cigarmakers employed by Eugene Vellens & Co., Chicago, went on strike Thursday on account of the discharge of one of their number, Albert St. Cyr, for coming late to work.

GOLD has been discovered at the summit of Hahn's peak in Colorado, and prospectors are already on the mountain above the clouds staking claims on the south slope, where there is not much snow.

THE report of the receivers of the Bear Valley Irrigation Company filed at Los Angeles shows an indebtedness of \$1,221,250, not including expenses of \$1,500 per month. The encumbered assets of the corporation appear to be fully \$2,000,000.

THE Paddock Hotel people at Beatrice, Neb., indorsed a draft of \$50 for J. T. Marshall a week ago, in accord with a telegram purporting to come from the Red Cross Vinegar Company of St. Louis. The telegram was forged and the draft protested.

INDIANA has inaugurated a movement that promises to prove the nucleus of a great national organization by the formation of a State fish and game protective association. The first step will be to ask the United States Fish Commission to restock Indiana streams.

OBITUARY: At Dayton, Ohio, Major W. D. Bickham, editor of the Dayton Journal, aged 67; at St. Paul, Anson Northup, aged 76; at Los Angeles, Cal., H. C. Lett, of the Utah commission; at St. Paul, Captain George Hayes, inspector of steam vessels, aged 60.

AT Spokane, Wash., John Horton, a carpenter, fell from the new Post street bridge into the Spokane River above the main falls and was swept down to death. He made a gallant fight for life, cheered by 400 persons on the shore and bridges, but it was hopeless.

THE most appalling disaster Peoria, Ill., has known since the wreck of the steamer Frankie Folsom, three years ago, occurred Friday morning. An immense standpipe belonging to the Peoria Water Company suddenly burst, causing terrible damage. One boy was killed and at least ten other persons were seriously injured. In addition to this five houses and barns were crushed, several others were swept from their foundations and an immense amount of damage was done to surrounding property.

At Bozeman, Mont., a man calling himself Robert Dutton made oath that he is the man who, a few months ago, killed an old farmer and his wife named Williams at Brompton, Canada, near Toronto. Robert said that one Walter McWhirr was accused of the crime and has just been found guilty and sentenced to be hung next June. Dutton had seen an account of the trial and conviction of McWhirr, in a newspaper and did not wish to have an innocent man suffer for a crime he himself had committed. After signing the affidavit Dutton made his escape.

REPORTS from districts widely separated, including Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota and Nebraska, say that the recent frosts were not so disastrous to the growing wheat as had been reported. Since the thaw, the plant has come out in good shape, and backward enough to be out of danger from any frost not more than ordinarily late. Although in the aggregate large areas were damaged, the percentage will not be more than ten, and the

yields that were killed will be replaced in corn, and it is expected that field of the latter will be greater on account of the increased cultivation.

THREE families, consisting altogether of between twelve and fourteen sons, were buried by the snows near Wallace, Idaho, Thursday. Their bodies are buried under thousands of snow, and any possibility of any of them being rescued alive is of the question. The snow accumulated on the mountains to a depth of 12 feet, and the late rains caused the mass to move at several places. A big tree, became detached and started down the steep mountain side. The inhabitants of the cabin in its path could get away the avalanche was upon them.

THE hopes of the lake vesselmen now centered in the iron trade. The key of lake business for the coming season is to be found. Business far done in selling iron ore and chartering boats to bring it from Lake Superior and Green Bay is at the lowest point ever reached by lake commerce. In past seasons vessels carried freight for less money than these charterers for the season, but never before have large fleets been tied up in contracts which promised so slight a margin of profit. Some say that the margin is so small that it is infinitesimal and predict that only the best luck can owners who have taken the risks.

WHEAT jumped 3 cents a bushel about as many minutes on the Chicago Board of Trade, Wednesday. The weather was the prime factor. Some of the morning papers had existing crop-damage reports, and these were re-enforced by quite a run of the same kind of news through private dispatches received on the floor. The pit was afire with excitement. The market went up from 58¢ cents, and closed at 60¢ cents. But other markets did not follow us fully. Liverpool was quoted lower, and there was free selling against calls, all of which led to a reaction of 1¢ cents, followed by a good recovery.

ALEXANDRIA, Ind., was started Saturday night by a terrific noise as if a powder magazine had exploded. It was a natural gas explosion in a building which accommodated a barber shop and the American Express office. This structure was blown to pieces and the ruins were fired.

The rear of the Whitesides block was badly shattered. Seven men were in the barber shop. Buried in the ruins and dead were: Harry Bourger, Jessie Harrell, Ora Ball, Charles Hoover. The following were rescued by the firemen from the ruins, but more or less injured: James Scott, William Pyle, Henry Heard, Harrell and Hoover leave families. The others were all single men.

SOUTHERN.

ISRAEL JOHNSON, colored, was hanged at Union Springs, Ala., for the murder of Wash Roberts.

RITCHIE & CO.'s warehouse at South Camden, Ark., was burned. Loss, \$50,000; insurance, \$16,000.

THREE workmen were killed and five seriously injured Friday afternoon while tearing away an old bridge connecting the east and west wards of Radford, Va. This structure fell carrying the eight men with it.

THE Augusta (Ga.) cotton mills are reported to be in splendid condition, with sufficient orders on hand to run them for six months, even if no more orders are booked. One mill has just received a \$250,000 order from a Northern firm.

IN the embers of a watchman's shanty on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Road near Denison, Texas, the body of an unknown man was found on a passage which the officers say was one of the most severe in their experience.

THE whole network of steamship harmony is threatened with total collapse. It remains for time to reveal whether diplomacy can avert what promises to be the giant corporation struggle of the era. The present upheaval, which is to be the greatest, is interwoven with the merged histories of the two concerns very intimately, and has been brewing since 1879, the year the Bell company assumed position as a rival for business.

THE White Star steamer Tentonic, from Liverpool and Queenstown, arrived at New York quarantine after a passage which the officers say was one of the most severe in their experience.

SUNDAY morning the wind blew with hurricane force, accompanied by hard squalls and high seas. Seamen McComb and Coleman, who had been ordered to secure a ventilator on top of No. 2 house, forward, were knocked down by a heavy sea. McComb was picked up in a bruised condition, having an arm and a leg broken. Coleman had his jaw broken, besides being badly bruised about the body and head. The cabin passengers were much alarmed, and a few of them were thrown down and bruised. One of them named M. Schleifer slipped on deck and broke his leg. The storm lasted up to Monday night. Sunday the vessel logged but 344 knots, and Monday the day's run was only 302 knots.

MARKET REPORTS.

CHICAGO.

CATTLE—Common to Prime..... \$1.50 @ 4.75

HOOS—Shipping & Grades..... 4.00 @ 5.00

SHEEP—Fair to Choice..... 3.00 @ 4.75

WHEAT—No. 2 Red..... 60 @ 61

CORN—No. 2..... 36 @ 37

DAIRY—No. 2..... 37 @ 39

BEEF—No. 2..... 49 @ 51

BUTTER—Choice Creamery..... 21 1/2 @ 22 1/2

Eggs—Fresh..... 10 @ 11

EGGS—Per Dozen..... 50 @ 55

ST. LOUIS.

CATTLE—Shipping..... 3.00 @ 4.50

HOOS—No. 2 Red..... 3.00 @ 5.00

SHEEP—No. 2 Red..... 36 @ 37

WHEAT—No. 2 Red..... 54 @ 54

CORN—No. 2 White..... 37 1/2 @ 38 1/2

DAIRY—No. 2 White..... 33 1/2 @ 34 1/2

BUTTER—Choice Creamery..... 21 1/2 @ 22 1/2

Eggs—Fresh..... 10 @ 11

ST. LOUIS.

CATTLE..... 3.00 @ 4.50

HOOS..... 3.00 @ 5.00

SHEEP..... 36 @ 37

WHEAT—No. 2 Red..... 54 @ 54

CORN—No. 2 Yellow..... 38 @ 39

OATS—Mixed..... 34 1/2 @ 35 1/2

DAIRY—No. 2..... 33 1/2 @ 34 1/2

BUTTER—Choice Creamery..... 21 1/2 @ 22 1/2

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