

SPRECKELS TO FIGHT. HE WILL SELL SUGAR AT HIS OWN PRICE.

Kentucky Wife Murderer Lynched—Killed by a Mall Train—Diverted at a Knot—Huron, Frisco—Election—Whaleback Steamers in the Atlantic Trade.

At Washington. The way in which business was rushed through the House on the 7th led to considerable talk at the capital about the prospects of an early adjournment.

FROM FAR AND NEAR.

At Philadelphia nearly 1,000 men returned work at the Spreckels sugar refineries after a shut-down of nearly three months.

A mob of about 150 men, from Willard, Ky., compelled the jailer at Grayson, Ky., to deliver up Austin Porter, wife murderer.

At Shooks, Ind., Orin Buley, a young man 23 years of age, residing at Orleans, Ind., attempted to cross the Old & Mississippi Railroad tracks in front of the fast mail train and was struck by the engine.

In a fight at a primary election Monday at Salyersville, Ky., Robin Daniel was shot and killed by Joseph Higginz, another lost an ear, and still another was probably fatally injured by being struck with a rock.

A company which includes some of the leading Northern Pacific Railway stockholders, with a capital of \$100,000, has been organized in New York to build a fleet of whaleback vessels to compete for ocean carrying freight.

Milton Gardner, a preacher of the United Brethren denomination, was fined \$20 by a magistrate at Huntington, Ind., for permitting a cow to run at large in the town.

John Egan, of Fort Leavenworth, has given the names of eight or ten prominent citizens who are alleged to have participated in the lynching of the negro, Robert Lewis, who was accused of assaulting Miss McMahon.

Miss Grace Maynard, living at Chicago, brooded over disappointment in love and sent a bullet through her brain.

An alligator, nine or ten feet long, has been seen floundering around on the bank of the Washburn river, near Andrews, Ind.

Work on the French World's Fair building will be begun at once.

Postmaster Sexton of Chicago received an order from Washington to have the new machines for stamping letters put in position.

Dozens of children were thrown into the wreck of a church at McCook, Neb., during a cyclone.

Hugh Barclay, a Freeman, Henry Ealy, Henry Field, and Budge Greenow, colored citizens of Owensboro, Ky., were killed in a wreck on the Owensboro & Nashville Railway.

A cloudburst between Harold and Blunt, S. D., flooded a large section of country, doing damage to crops and washing out a stretch of the Northwestern Railroad track.

Judge C. Reed of the Wichita (Kan.) District Court has been challenged to fight a duel by Nicholas Bird, a well-known lawyer here.

John C. Brown, one of the most extensive logging contractors in the Northwest, has failed, his liabilities amounting to \$115,900 and nominal assets \$96,000.

The passage of the anti-option bill, the fine weather, and good receipts combined to depress prices of grain at Chicago.

Martin Scott, living seven miles east of Yamacraw, Ind., while attempting to lead a bull, was gored so frightfully that he will die.

CRIME AND CASUALTY.

The steamer John Mathews, loaded with corn, bound for Pine Bluff, ran aground the pier of the bridge over the Arkansas river at Little Rock, Capt. J. H. Bell, and at least one-third of the crew is lost.

At St. Louis, while a jury was being impaneled in the Criminal Court to try William Lay for a murder committed a year ago, the prisoner became insane and made faces at the jury.

Maggie Sullivan, a St. Louis domestic, sent a note to a former lover named Peter McCreech, requesting him to meet her at a point about two blocks from his home.

When McCreech met the woman she upbraided him for deserting her and marrying another woman. After a few angry words Miss Sullivan drew a revolver and fired two shots at McCreech, one of the bullets lodging in his brain and inflicting a probably fatal wound.

A terrific thunderstorm played havoc throughout Lackawanna County, Penn. Three boys and one girl were struck by lightning. Two were killed and the others fatally injured.

The oil regions of Pennsylvania were visited Sunday by a disaster of fire and water that is only eclipsed in the history of this country by the memorable flood at Johnston just three years ago.

It is impossible to give anything like an accurate estimate of the loss of life and property, as chaos reigned throughout the devastated region. It is safe to say that not less than one hundred and fifty lives have been lost and many believe the number nearer two hundred and fifty.

At Titusville, Pa., a man named Corry, \$50,000; Meadville, \$150,000, and surrounding country probably a million more. The disaster was caused by a cloudburst, which swept down upon scores of monster oil tanks.

A party of cattlemen who were preparing for a round-up when the injunction of the Judge was served upon them, have returned to Buffalo, Wyoming, and report the finding of a relic of the recent war between cattlemen and rustlers in the shape of a rusty bullet.

While returning from work on a hand-car on the Indianapolis and St. Louis Road, near Carbon, Ind., Thomas Fitzgerald and Joseph Miller were run into by a fast express and received severe, if not fatal, injuries.

J. T. Mosley, County Recorder at Stockton, Cal., owing about \$100,000 of secured debts, has been missing four days.

At St. Louis, Frank Brady, a negro, was arrested and is being held for the Chicago authorities. Over a year ago Brady stabbed and killed Charles Harris in a quarrel over the affections of a woman.

The Mexican Consul at San Antonio, Texas, has been notified by the Mexican authorities stating that three of the nine prisoners who, headed by their jailer, escaped from jail near Edburg, Texas, have been captured.

John Bowman, an employe on a Lake Shore work train, was fatally injured at La Porte, Ind., by a heavy tie falling on him.

Henry Maass, the 18-year-old son of Fred Maass, of Winona, Minn., was instantly killed by a fall from the top of the Green Bay, Winona and St. Paul Road.

By carelessness in turning water into an empty boiler at the works south of Idaville, Ind., Monday, four men were blown to pieces.

POLITICAL.

The most momentous recent news from Washington is the resignation, Saturday, of Secretary Blaine. Following is the correspondence:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D. C. To the President: I beg leave to submit my resignation of the office of Secretary of State of the United States, to which I was appointed by you the 10th of March, 1881. The condition of public business in the Department of State has been such that I have been unable to accept it immediately. I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant, JAMES G. BLAINE.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON, D. C. To the President: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. tendering your resignation of the office of Secretary of State of the United States, and in reply to inform you that your resignation is accepted. I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant, BENJAMIN HARRISON.

In Wisconsin the Prohibitionists have agreed upon a ticket.

Illinois Prohibitionists completed their ticket at Springfield.

Democrats and People's party men have agreed to place a fusion ticket in the field in Kansas.

Democrats of the Ninth Illinois Congressional District nominated Col. H. W. Snow on Wednesday.

After a deadlock of 180 ballots by the convention at Hannum, Tex., Wednesday, to nominate a successor to Roger Q. Mills in the lower house Geo. W. Pendleton, Lieutenant Governor of Texas, was elected by a majority of four.

R. T. Rains, of Fillmore County; State Treasurer, B. H. Evans, of Lyon County; Secretary of State, Professor H. H. Baker.

At Rockford, Ind., destroyed the electric light and water-works plant Friday morning.

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A VALLEY OF DEATH.

AWFUL CATASTROPHES IN THE OIL REGIONS.

Floods Caused by the Bursting of a Dam Become an Ocean of Fire—Titusville and Oil City in Ruins—Fearful Loss of Life and Property.

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DOINGS OF CONGRESS.

MEASURES CONSIDERED AND ACTED UPON.

At the Nation's Capital—What is Being Done by the Senate and House—Old Matters Disposed Of and New Ones Considered.

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THE MARKETS.

Table with multiple columns listing market prices for various commodities such as Wheat, Corn, and other goods. Includes sub-sections for 'THE MARKETS' and 'THE OIL REGIONS'.