Cooperstown Courier.

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Two-Cent Stamps.

Several designs have been submitted for the new 2-cent stamp, but none of the fact that the stamp will contain a picture of Washington and the legend, "United States postage" instead of "U. S. postage," as at present. It is thought, however, the stamp will be of a brown-

Lasts Week' Failures.

Bradstreet's Journal furnishes the folowing: There were 208 failures in the United States reported to Bradstreet's during the past week, 52 less than the preceding week, 31 more than the corresponding week of 1882, and 78 more than the same week of 1881.

J. A. Hatray & Son, wholesale drugs, New York City; Joseph Myers & Sons, manufacturers of ladies' cloaks, Philadelphia; Malster & Reaney, bridge and elevator builders, Baltimore.

Was Blaine Shot At?

A report is current that's short time before the adjournment of congress an attempt was made by some persons unknown to assassinate Secretary Blaine, by shooting into a carriage in which he was seated, while returning from one of the night sessions at the capitol. Mr. Blaine treats the matter lightly, and the hole through the window of the caraiage in which he rode, was probably made by a pebble thrown by some boy with a "devil's sling," His family, how-ever, are said to take a more serious view of the occurrence.

Emigrants Lost at Sea.

A London dispatch says: The steamer Leith, foundered during a gale yesterday. There were eighty-one persons mostly emigrants, on board, only sixteen of whom were saved, seventeen of the Navarre's passengers had intended to embark for America by the Anchor line, and thirty-three adults and ten infants by the State line. Four male emigrants named Anderson, Hogelberg, Nygren and Mannie were rescued and landed at Hull. Five other passengers were laken on board a Dutch fishing smack and afterward reached Hull. Altogether, six of the crew and ten passengers are saved. The steamer arrived only in time to rescue six per sons struggling in the water, the Navarre foundering. Miss Alexandra Holz and a Swede bound for Minnesota, who lost his wife and four children, also arrived

February's Frightful Fire Facts.

The New York Bulletin finds that there were 149 fires in this country February, where the loss was \$10,000 and upward, the aggregate loss footing up \$6,-800,000; including small fires, the total oss last month is estimated at \$8,-300,000. This is \$1,000,000 more than the loss of Feburary, 1882, and the heaviest loss in the month for six years. The Bulletin says: "With travel as a star in the same way that she a fire record of \$9,500,000 against January and \$8,200,000 against February, we if the shrinkage goes on at the same rate, ate manager. He has capital in plenty, the country will have reason to be and will not do things in the mean way ashamed of its carelessness \$106,000,000 common with people who make their worth, and the insurance companies will | iving by the profession of management." enjoy the luxury of woe to the amount of \$60,000,000 by the end of the year.' The insurance loss of the month is set down at \$4,500,000 to \$5,00,000.

Shocking Fate of Aeronauts.

A dispatch from Madrid, Spain, of the 9th says: Capt. Maych and his assistant, two daring aeronauts who were under engagements to appear in the United States in the spring, made an ascension before an immense concourse of people When the balloon was 1,000 feet in the air the captain got out on a trapeze suspended from the basket and began his performances. Suddenly cries of horror were heard; the trapeze rope was seen to eaves of a house, hurling its occupant to the ground and injuring him so that he | time. died in a few minutes.

Diamond Cut Diamond.

The feeling exhibited by the opposing counsel in the war route trial is intensified daily, and Judge Wylie has to exert all his influence to keep the conflicting elements in order. This was exhibited to-day during the examination by the detense of Gen. Miles, the renowed Indian fighter, relative to the location of certain routes in Dakota, and the means used to expediate services upon them. Chandler was conducting the examination on behalf of Brady and the other conspirators, and it became neccessary to call Gen. Miles' attention to certain communications written by him on the subject. The examination was frequently interrupted by Merrick and Albert Mason, the notorious counterfeit-

he appealed to the court to be allowed to | he had served the greater part of a term | sides flour, provisions, etc. It takes a | acres of public lands. One-third of conduct his inquiries after his own manner. For the first time since the new trial, Judge Wylie favored the defense by stating that Mr. Chandler was not to be molested unless he transcended the proper limits, whereat Col. Ingersoll and his associates grunted approvingly. Considerable sparring resulted, which Judge Wylie rebuked after the manner of a schoolmaster, and, as his reproof was them have as yet been adopted, beyond but good naturedly, both sides ceased wrangling and kept down to business There probably never was a case on trial where such bitter feeling existed, and spectators who daily throng the court room go with the expectation of witnessing active hostilities.

The Treasurership.

There is an eager scramble in progress for the office of treasurer of the United States. Civil service demands the promotion of Wyman, the assistant treasurer. Neil of Ohio, who was retired at the last election, has been a persistent beggar for the office. Gilfillan goes to New York to act with Mr. Windom in helping the new financial operations of the latter. Mr. Windom and Senator John Sherman are urging Neal for United States treasurer. It remains to be seen whether civil service reform or political influence will carry the day. John Sherman is interested with Windom in the coming financia plunge. Through, his broker he has become a subscriber to Windom's new stock exchange. It is questioned here whether this venture can meet with great success. There is no trouble, however, about the raising of money to begin with. If Windom is successful, Sherman will be tempted to folow him. The Ohio senator has become quite intimate with Blaine lately, and all that means getting into business. Blaine s in a great coal, iron and southern railroad scheme. Windom is also a stockholder. So is Senator Davis of West Vir-Navarre, bound from Copenhagen to ginia. If Garfield had lived, Blaine and Windom in the cabinet would have boomed this enterprise high into the millions. As it is the profits promised are great. John Sherman is one of the later friends who have been taken into the combination.

The Partnership of Gebhardt and Langtry.

New York Special: Mr. Fred. Gebhardt and Mrs. Langtry have signed a contract for next year. He engaged the Lily for a season of thirty-three weeks, beginning in September, and he agrees to give her 40 per cent. of the gross receipts of the theaters at which he plays her. The terms Mr. Abbey gives her are 30 per cent, of the gross receipts. She demands more from Mr. Gebhardt, first, because he is not a manager by profession, and second, because he has got more money about him than Mr. Abbey. In the meantime she will go to Paris in the summer and study under Regnier, of the Theater Francaise. She expects to come back here a finished actress and to show Americans what she can do.

This plan will not be carried out next season-not until the season after. During the year to come, for which the contract between Mr. Gebhardt and Mrs. Langtry was signed yesterday, she will does now, in her own private palace car Recently she said: "Mr. Gebhardt I have \$17,800,000 less capital as a nation have found to be a very shrewd young an we had when this year tegan; and, man, and I think he will make a first-

Wiggins Scared the Fishermen

A Gloucester, (Mass.), telegram of the 9th says: The total loss to those dependent on the Gloucester fisheries on account of the Wiggins' storm scare, will be about \$150,000. About 100 sails are hauled up here idle. The average loss of time is about three weeks, which will equal one trip to the Georges banks, and this is just the time when fish are schooling upon the Georges. Of the total loss \$90,000 at least is sustained by the fishermen themselves. There is great loss to business interests as well as the fishermen themselves. Over 3,000,000 pounds of fish might have been taken. A great part, and the intrepid captain was seen many storms that have been considered to fall from a fearful height, turning severe have been less disastrous than over and over until he struck the stone this prophecy. The men are largely inpavement. A moment later another fluenced to stay at home by their wives, shout went up from the people. The and this is not to be wondered at, when balloon containing the other occupant it is remembered that single storms in was seen descending with meteoric rap- the remembrance of the present generaidity. It crashed against the projecting | tion have swept out of the country 150 husbands, sons and sweethearts at one

Providence Special:-Fishermen here hauled up their boats and farmers fastened up their barn doors, one man at Newport purchased three life preservers for himself and family, with which to breast the tidal wave. The blow did not come, however, the air being quiet all day, and the sky cloudless.

Halifax Special:-There is a genuine feeling of tear of Wiggins' storm among a great many outside the city. Not a single fisherman will leave for the fishing grounds to-morrow. Each will beach his craft until the dreaded period is past.

A Forger's Baseless Claim.

The chief of the secret service division makes a report to the secretary of the treasury regarding the case of George

of twelve years, and who has made a claim against the government for \$50,000 for false imprisonment. He made the claim as a British subject, through the British minister. It was referred by the secretary of state to the treasury department. The chief of the secret service division makes a strong argument goods this way, instead of through New against allowing the claim, which, he says, is based upon entire misrepresentation of facts, and is without justice or

Encountering Titanic Icebergs.

St. John, N. F., Special Telegram: After being twice driven back to the quired by legitimate enterprise. coast of Scotland, the steamship Arctic arrived here last night from Dundee. Capt. Adams reports coming through 200 miles of field ice on the Atlantic, Banner intimates that a new railway about 300 miles east of St. Johns he the country, in the vicinty of Traill when seventy-five miles east of Cape | road, it is said, will be built by the Milship. The Arctic was then among field ice and sus tained no damage from the fields of traffic into the Red River counwaves. Capt. Adams reports the wind try. The northern terminus of the Milas being of hurricane velocity and believes that it must have fallen with terrific and fatal effect in mid-Atlan-

Discouraging to English Far-

mers The outlook is decidedly forbidding with English farmers. In the midland Fargo, via Grand Forks, to Pembina, counties there have been but three fair days in the past ninety; the farmers have not sown their winter wheat, and the raising of spring wheat is such a doubtful experiment that but a small assure to be absorbed by the Milacreage will be devoted to it. In some regions miles and miles of land are under water, and no cropping will be attempted this season. This backward long as such is the case, they will be season is the ninth consecutive year of built. either failure or partial crop. The situation is one full of despair to the poor farmer, from whom the wealthy landowner will inexorably require the usual rental, regardless of the elements. This is in black contrast to reports in the United States, where the data all point to a good crop.

Eleven Men Cremated at Bowns-

ville, Black Hills. Saturday evening fire was dis covered in the large story-and-a-half boarding house owned by Hood & Scott, in Brownsville, on the Homestake rail. way, nine miles from this city, and in less than thirty minutes the entire structure was destroyed. The following named persons perished in the flames: Peter Hansen, Lewis Hansen, R. C. Wright, Thomas Finless, James Chalmers, Albert Tennecliff, Samuel Hayes, Fred. D. Peters, Charles Hammontreed, W. N Andrews, Harvey Wood. Several others were burned and more or less seriously injured. It is not definitely known how or where the fire originated, but it is generally believed it was through carelessness of some of the men who were accustomed to read by candle light while lying in bed.

Incoming Immigrants. The arival of immigrants are quite numerous, though railroad officials and agents insist the boom has not yet commenced. During the past week incoming trains has contained a complement of passengers that properly come under the head of immigrants. Occasionally they were numerous, and in one instance so numerous that it required the appropriation of extra cars to accommodate the demands ther made upon the Manitoba line for trat sportation. Those coming thus early are mainly from the east and Canada, the latter bound for Winnipeg, and the former for the fertile Dakota and Montana. Very many of the arrivals consigned to the latter Territories are composed of those who adventured into these sections last year, and having established homes and laid the foundation for a superstructure of future prosperity, returned whence they originally came, and are now tending to their domains, accompanied by their families and agricultural implements. The travel, as stated, has been comparatively large for this season of the year, but henceforth it will be daily augmented in point of numbers, being made up principaly of self-appointed exiles from homes across the sea. The emigration officers of the roads of which St. Paul is the eastern terminus state that the future is filled with promise. Large draughts will be be made on the population of England, Ireland and the continent, they state, a large portion of which are even now en route hither, and by another week the advance guard of "newcomers" will begin to arrive. The facilties for their transportations to points of final destination ha ve been largely increased, and no difficulty will be experienced in procuring their safe delivery at such points as they have been billeted to. Appearances indicate that the "rush" of last year will be duplicated this spring, with the only difference that the arrivals will outnumber the arrivals of that period.

The River Route to Europe.

St. Louis Republican: Some people in Chicago and the East pretend to ridicule the Mississippi Barge line. And yet the boats, in the two weeks between Feb. 20 and March 6, took down the riv-Bliss, which made Chandler angry, and er recently released from prison, where corn and 350,000 bushels of wheat, be-

that. A new steamship line with regnar sailings, perhaps as often as weekly, is about to take the route between New Orleans and Liverpool, and still another, that between New Orleans and Havre. If, now, our importers will bring their York, the Mississippi valley, from St. Louis south, may issue a declaration of independence at the rival trunk lines with their pools, combinations, and what not. There is no monoply of transportation on the river, save as it is ac-

A New Railroad in Dakota. An editorial in the Hillsboro (Dak.) studded with countless icebergs. When project is on the tapis, which will tap counted fifty-eight enormous bergs from | county, Dak., and divide the business the steamer's bridge. Yesterday noon now enjoyed by the Manitoba line. The Spear, a terrific storm swept over his wankee & St. Paul and the Northwestern corporations, which will extend their wankee road is now, observes the writer, practically at Fargo, and a space of twenty-five miles remains to be laid to furnish Fargo with direct rail route via St. Paul to Milwankee and Chicago, competing with the Northern Pacific and Manitoba roads. In addition to this, it is believed that the projected road from running along the west bank of Red River, for which a charter has been granted by the Dakota legislature, is sure to be built at an early day, and waukee roads. The supply of competing roads in that section, concludes the article, is not equal to the demand, and as

The Northern Pacific to be Open Sept. 1. H. Clark, head of the contracting firm

which has constructed so much of the

Northern Pacific, and which is to finish the main line and build some of the branches, has arrived in St. Paul from a trip direct from Portland over the Northern Pacific trans-continental. He experienced the usual vicissitudes of a journey across the mountains, and of perils by flood and field, by boat and buckboard, river and rail, could doubtless tell, if he chose-which he doesn't-but friend leveled his gun at the intruder has come through in excellent form and to the query "When will the missing link | It now appears that the friend is a myth of the Northern Pacific disappear?" answered cheerily and confidently, "In the first part of August, probably before that month coses, certainly." seemed such good news that the questioner asked Mr. Clark if he was sure, and he confidently as before reiterated his statement. He particularised that the gap at present writing is 280 finiles and tracklaying is progressing from each end. On the western division two miles per day is going down and on the eastern about a mile and a half. As the season advances even greater diarnal strides on each end will be made. The switch back round the Bozeman tunnelswill be ready when the road is, and the tunnel itself will be open from end to end in November. It seems to be assured tha Sept. 1, will witness the possibility of a through car from the St, Paul depot to Portland or Seattle. Mr. Clark said fervently: "I'm through with the Chinese, heaven should be praised." He has now about 2.000 men at work track laying, building bridges and surfacing. The Chinese left the country over which they worked. Saharalike in appearance a perfect desert without settlement and scarcely a shanty. Where the Scandinavians had worked the contrary, hamlets had sprung into existence and marks of human habitation were plenty. The Scandinavian wanted a "yob," and when he got it worked like a Trojan, while John Chinaman worked for Johnny Chinaman, and the ever present hope of a speedy return, with lots of Melican dollee, to the land of y's and tse's. Mr. Clark said the dagos, (vernacular for Italians) did well enough, but the Scandinavian's work the best of all the foreigners. Mr. Clark also has the contract for the construction of the Yellowstone Park division of the Northern Pacific, which starts from Livingston and work will commence at once and push with sufficient radidity to insure completion and equipment by the first of July, which will be in ample time for the expected inroads of tourists. The line will be sixty miles in length, and will have for its intra-park terminus the hotel of the Yellowstone syndicate at the Mammoth springs. Work on this building has languished during the discussion anent the lease in congress: but it is understood that the structure will be rapidly completed, now that doubts are dissipated, and be ready for the summer sightseers. Mr. Clark will leave for Portland soon to commence work on still another contract therethat of filling in about 2,000,000 yards of earth in the Portland terminus yards. He will be accomparied by Engineer O'Brien of the Northern Pacific.

Public Lands.

The commissioner of the general land office will in a short time distribute the amount appropriated for public surveys. er from this city 1,100,000 bushels of It appears that last year there were disposed of in the Union Pacific 13,998,000

mighty good railroad to do better than quantity, 4360,000 acres. was disposed of in Dakota, It is said that to-day there are in Dakota 10,000 people living upon unsurveyed lands unable to acquire title to their lands because a sufficient amount has not been [allotted to that territory for making surveys.

Fencing and Grazing.

The question of fencing in the public lands for grazing purpose will be the subject shortly of an elaborate decision by Secretary Teller. There have been many complaints filed at the department in regard to this subject. In one instance in Dakota a farmer fenced in a tract of his land on both sides of a creek. The tract was one mile wide and thirtyfive miles long. This deprived all cattle except his own from getting water, and gave rise to numerous protests. The fence was orderd removed. Other cases of almost as aggravated character have been brought to the attention of the department, and the object of the decision in course of preparation is to make a rule

An Unconscionable Swindler.

It is discovered that Emmett O'Neill of Schenectady, N. Y., a broker recently failed, has fled. He victimized parties of Schenectady and Duanesburgh not less than \$250,000, having handled his father's estate, being presumably wealthy, and a director of a Schenectady bank. From the books of the bank it is Jearned that many farmers of Duanesburgh gave him funds to invest. He obtained money by plausible representations, and as security forged mortgages. Where further proof was asked he even forged assignments to mortgages, including the county clerk's certificate and copy of the record. Widows, orphans and industrious poor were alike his victims with the wealthy classes. Nearly every person in Dumesburgh

Anothor Dakota Murder

Sheriff Harmon has received a dispatch from Dickinson directing him to arrest seorge Mattox for the crime of murder. Inquiry developed the fact that Mattox. who has been hunting on the buffale range near Dickinson, shot and killed a man whose name has not yet been ascertained. Mattox was seen in Mandau yesterday, consulting a lawyer, ostensibly in the interest of a friend of his. who he claimed was molested by another man in his camp, and after drawing a huge hunting knife on him twice, his and fired, instantly killing the latter. and Mattox himself is the guilty party The gun was one of extraordinary heavy calibre, carrying 120 grains of powder. Mattox is a man of family and will be arrested before morning as he is now on his way east from Sully Springs.

Good Logging News

All reports now received from the Black river logging camps are favorable. It is certain that the best work of winter is being done, although teams generally are in bad condition on account of extra hard work and severe weather during January. In the lower country the roads are wearing some, but the men patch them up with snow each day, knowing that when the bare ground appears work is at an end, for there is practically no frost in the-ground. Work will continue a week longer, even if the weather remains warm, while lower temperature would still further prolong it. By patching the roads and working nights, operations can be continued through the entire month, though probably inot many will endeavor to do so. It is pretty certain that the cut of the winter will not be less than 200,000,000 feet which is full average. The cost of putting them in is estimated at \$1 a thousand above average, while the season starts with a lower market. No sales of any account have been made vet, but three strings of last year's logs lying here were sold this week to Tamm of St. Louis for \$13.50, which is \$1.50 lower than last year. This will give an idea of comparative markets, but there are so few logs for sale here that La Crosse is not considered much of a market.

The New Treasurer of the United States.

The President to-day appointed A. N. Wyman, assistant treasurer of the United States, to be treasurer, vice James Gilfillan, whose resignation has been accepted, to take place on the 1st proximo. Mr. Wyman will secure his bond and qualify by that day. He was almost overwhelmed with congratulation. The bond of the treasurer is \$150,000 and must be approved by the secretary of the treasury before he can qualify. It will also be necessary for the secretary to appoint a committee to verify the treasury balance of the 31st of March so the funds may be transferred to the new incumbent for opening business on the 1st proximo, when he will assume the duties of his office. The selection of assistant treasurer, which office is vacant by the promotion of Wyman, will depend upon the wishes of the new treasurer. It is pretty well settled that the appointment will be made from the treasurer's office.

Governor Bate, of Tennessee, recommends the appointment of a competent colored man as assistant superintendent of public instruction for the state, his duties to be confined to the colored race