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GOVERNMENT GOSSIP.

ACTION IN THE ALABAMA CLAIMS CASE SUSPENDED.

JUDGE HARLAN'S ILLNESS.

GENERAL NEWTON'S IDEAS ABOUT RIVERS AND HARBORS.

GEN. SHERIDAN'S STAFF.

The Vacancies Not Likely to Be Filled For a Couple of Weeks.

The Silver Purchase.—The Treasury Department to-day purchased 403,000 ounces of silver, the terms being unusually favorable.

The Public Debt.—The reduction of the public debt for August was $2,879,032, making a total of $11,542,843 for the first two months of the current fiscal year, and $1,000,000 less than for the corresponding month of 1884.

Satisfactory Figures.—The Treasury officials are well pleased with the results of last month's financial movements. The gold fund has steadily increased, and there were numerous indications of an improved business outlook.

Repairs of District Bridges.—Bids were opened to-day for supplying lumber for repairs to the Anacostia, Pennings and Chain bridges. George A. Shehan was the lowest bidder at $22.50 per thousand feet, and was awarded the contract.

Secretary Manning at Greystone.—Secretary Manning left Albany yesterday on his way to Washington, and had the train flagged at Greystone, where he alighted. He called on Mr. S. J. Tilden, at whose house he passed the night.

Major Hill's Resignation.—Major Chas. S. Hill, statistican of the State Department, has resigned to accept the position of commissioner of consular and diplomatic exhibits at the proposed North, Central and South American Exposition.

Navy-Yard Improvement.—Lieutenant William Maxwell Wood, U. S. N., left last night for Boston, under instructions from Commodore Schley to visit various iron and machinery manufacturing establishments in that vicinity in relation to the project of improving the plant at the Navy-Yard here.

Improving Rivers and Harbors.—General Newton, Chief of Engineers, says Congress should at its next session appropriate eighteen or twenty millions for the preservation and improvement of harbors and rivers. He says the work left unfinished and unprovided for during the year has suffered from lack of attention. General Newton believes the subject of coast defenses should be the first to be considered, even if rivers and harbors are again neglected.

Paymaster-General Smith's Case.—The record and findings of the court-martial case of Paymaster-General Joseph Adams Smith, U. S. N., have been reviewed by the Judge-Advocate General. Colonel Remey, and is now ready to lay before the Secretary of the Navy on his return this week. It is impossible to know what the sentence is, but it is the prevailing opinion among navy officers, who watched the case, that it is very severe, even if it is not "to be dismissed the service."

Judge Harlan's Illness.—A telegram was received at the headquarters of the Alabama Claims Commission to-day stating that Judge Harlan is confined to his residence in Iowa by illness, and is unable to start for Washington for some days. Nothing will be done in reply to Comptroller Durham's charges until after his return. Comptroller Durham said to-day that he had heard nothing from the court since Mr. Wilson had a talk with him the other day. He said all the accounts were in his office, and a clerk was engaged in examining them, but the purpose of the examination he did not care to make public.

General Sheridan's Staff.—It is known that Lieutenant-General Sheridan, who is now on the St. Lawrence River, has not yet definitely tendered to any army officers the positions as aides on his staff which will become vacant October 1 by the detachment of Colonels Gregory and Davis. An army officer of high rank said to-day that it is the opinion that Captain Stanhope E. Blunt, Ordnance Corps, will be tendered one of the vacancies. Captain Blunt is now on duty at the headquarters of the army as inspector-general of rifle practice, and is an officer held in very high repute in the service for his professional as well as personal qualities. Colonel Davis, who has just returned from a visit to General Sheridan, states that it is likely that new aides will not be named for a couple of weeks yet.

Minor and Personal.

Secretary Lamar was not at the Interior Department to-day.

The Acting Postmaster-General to-day appointed 127 postmasters of the fourth class.

Miss Jennie Allen of Omaha, Nebraska, has resigned her position in the Postoffice Department.

Mr. George B. Upham of Portland, Me., has been appointed a special agent of the Pension Office.

Hon. J. L. McCaskill of Brandon, Miss., a prominent member of the State Senate, who has been appointed consul to Dublin, is at the Metropolitan Hotel.

Colonel Sharp, whose term of service as chief of inspectors of the Postoffice Department expired yesterday by his own resignation, left at 9 o'clock this morning for his home in Tennessee.

Willie B. Holtzclaw, a clerk at $900 in the office of the First Assistant Postmaster-General, having served his probationary term under civil-service rules, has been permanently appointed to that grade.

JUDGE DURHAM DECEIVED.

How a Jail Bird Comes to be Appointed to a Clerkship.

To-day's New York *Sun's* Washington special says: "The facts regarding the appointment of a jail bird to office have just leaked out. Comptroller Durham was the innocent sponsor for the man, but who recommended him to Mr. Durham is not made known. Richard Board of Kentucky was appointed a clerk in the Railway Mail Service on July 3 and assigned to duty on the route between Rincon and Deming, N. M. Prominent citizens of Kentucky wrote to the Department setting forth that Board was under three indictments for forgery, and had been three times arrested in Cincinnati for getting money under false pretences, once in Texas for robbery, and twice for theft in Kentucky.

"In some unexplained manner Board got the appointment before these charges were investigated. Two weeks afterward Comptroller Durham, who was misled into recommending Board's appointment, got a very lively letter from a friend in Kentucky, reciting Board's criminal record in full. The letter concluded with the prediction that Board would steal something before he had been in the service a month. The prediction was literally fulfilled. Before the warning note was written Board had stolen money orders for $163. He had been dismissed from the service before the theft was detected because of his other crimes, and was traced to St. Louis and there arrested. He is now in jail in Santa Fe awaiting trial."

THE ARMY AND NAVY.

Notes of Interest to the Service from All Along the Lines.

General William H. Penrose, major Twelfth Infantry, has been granted six months' extension of sick leave.

First Lieutenant Honeycutt, First Artillery, is detailed as Military Professor at Rutger's College, New Brunswick, N. J.

Sergeant John McLaughlin, troop C, Third Cavalry, at Camp Rice, Texas, has been granted two months' furlough.

A survey of the Alliance will be made as soon as she arrives at Norfolk to determine the repairs necessary and the probable cost.

First Lieutenant Timothy A. Toney, Sixth Cavalry, left Fort Leavenworth last Friday for his station at Fort Bayard, New Mexico.

First Lieutenant Charles B. Gatewood, Sixth Cavalry, is relieved from duty in Arizona and ordered to join his troop in Arizona.

First Lieutenant Samuel W. Fountain, Eighth Cavalry, is on leave from San Antonio, Texas, for one month from August 23.

Captain Albert E. Woodson, Fifth Cavalry, was at Fort Leavenworth last Friday, en route to his station at Fort Reno, Indian Territory, from the East.

Chaplain George G. Mullins, Twenty-fifth Infantry, will be relieved October 1 as inspector of army schools, and join his regiment at Fort Snelling, Minn.

Captain Edmund Luff, Eight Cavalry, has been granted leave from September 15, for one month, from Fort Brown, Texas. He will visit his family in Chicago.

First Lieutenant Oscar F. Long, Fifth Infantry, aide-de-camp to General Miles, has returned to Fort Leavenworth from New Mexico, where he went on special duty.

Ensign Albert W. Grant reported at the Norfolk Navy-Yard Monday for duty. He was detached last spring from the Iroquois on the Pacific fleet, and recently has been at his home at Stevens' Point, Wis.

Captain Frank D. Baldwin, Twelfth Infantry, at his own request, has been relieved from duty October 1, as judge-advocate of the Department of the Columbia and ordered to join his company, which is at Fort Keogh, Montana.

A general court-martial convenes to-day at Fort Concho, Texas, of which Captain Clayton Hale, Sixteenth Infantry, is president and Lieutenant James T. Anderson, Sixteenth Infantry, is judge-advocate. All the court is from the same regiment.

General Nelson A. Miles was the guest Monday evening of G. H. Thomas Post, G. A. R., at Kansas City, and left there yesterday morning for Crisfield and Kiowa, Kan., to take a look at the troops stationed along the Indian Territory border.

The son of General O. O. Howard, who shot himself recently in the Yellowstone Park, is Mr. John Howard. Late advices are to the effect that he will probably recover. The story that the shooting was intentional is denied at Omaha by his friends.

Major John R. Myrick, captain Third Artillery, judge-advocate of the Department of Dakota, and Captain Cyrus S. Roberts, Seventeenth Infantry, judge-advocate of the Department of Arizona, will be relieved from their present duties October 1 and join their commands.

Light Battery D, Fifth Artillery, Major Jacob B. Rawles, commanding, left Fort Omaha yesterday to march across the country to Beatrice, Neb., to take part in the State reunion there of the Grand Army of the Republic. Acting Assistant Surgeon H. S. Haskin accompanies the command.

Naval orders: Passed Assistant Surgeon Dickson ordered to duty at the Naval Academy; Passed Assistant Surgeon Austin detached from the Naval Academy and ordered to the Coast Survey steamer Gedney; Assistant Surgeon Fitts, detached from the Gedney and placed on waiting orders.

ENJOINING A RAILROAD.

Property Owners Want the B. & O. Tracks Removed.

The property owners on P street northeast and Delaware avenue, between H and I streets, have filed a bill for an injunction against the B. & O. R. R. Co. to prevent it from operating the Metropolitan Branch on the streets named. The parties bringing the suit are Caroline Day, William H. Day, Ellen O'Brien, Henry Casparis, Maurice O'Brien, Bridget Babbington and Patrick Delehanty. Their attorneys are Messrs. Campbell Carrington and William A. Cook.

The bill sets out that the company without proper authority and right has constructed railroad tracks and used the same for conveying passengers and freight, largely destroying the use of the street and property of plaintiffs. Among the special injuries and usages sustained by them are the placing and allowing to remain on side tracks freight cars and the loading and unloading of the same, and rendering it dangerous for children and adults and rendering it almost impossible to send children on errands. Also, that in consequence of the tracks of the company they are unable to connect their houses with sewerage, gas and water. They also assert that their property is in danger of being consumed by fire because of the inability to get water, and the obstruction of the tracks to fire engines. They also recite the accidents and deaths caused by these tracks on the Columbia street-car line where it crosses the railroad. An injunction is prayed enjoining the defendants from operating the road and erecting fences and for a removal of the obstructions.

THE ALABAMA PRINTING.

A Contract that was not Given to the Lowest Bidder.

Further developments in the Court of Alabama Claims matter show that the awarding of the contract for the execution of the printing of the court documents was not exactly as the court officials would have people believe. A CRITIC reporter, learning that Mr. R. O. Polkinhorn had been one of the competitors for the contract, called at his printing house on D street this afternoon. Mr. Polkinhorn said he had never given the matter much attention.

Mr. Allen had told him at the time that the contract was awarded to Gibson Bros., and he had told Mr. Allen he could not have employed better men. Mr. Polkinhorn said his son, Mr. Joseph Polkinhorn, had had charge of the matter. The younger gentleman said "we were invited to bid for the contract and our bid for the work was 85 cents a page. I called upon Mr. Fessenden, clerk of the court, regarding it, and he told me our bid was the lowest, but that the judges had decided to give the contract to Messrs. Gibson. I wrote a protest to Mr. Fessenden, and that is the last I have heard of the matter. I can make affidavit to these facts if necessary. The question of our responsibility was not raised at all. Perhaps the contract was given to Gibson Bros. because they had done the preliminary printing, such as letter heads, rules, etc., before the court opened."

CITY HALL NOTES.

Items of Minor Importance Gleaned From the Courts.

The South Washington Pleasure Club has filed articles of incorporation with the Recorder.

Marriage licenses have been granted to Leonard A. Ehrmantrout and Blanche Simkins; C. Oscar Kaisling of Philadelphia, Pa., and Beatrice E. Wade; John H. Early of Harrisburg, Pa., and Hattie Gruber.

Judge Mackey, for Charles A. Maudley, has filed a bill for divorce from Sarinia Maudley. The parties were married in 1874 and lived together until 1883, when as alleged she left him to live in open adultery with one Johnson.

A bill in equity has been filed by Robert A. Hooe against George Peter, jr., and about fifty other defendents, to remove flaws from the title to square south of square 153. Plaintiff sets forth that in 1794, Samuel Blodgett gave a deed of trust on the square to secure the payment of prizes in the "Hotel Lottery." The trustee died and through negligence the deed was never canceled. The suit is brought to clear the property from the cloud arising from this transaction.

CHANG YIN HUAN,

THE NEW CHINESE MINISTER TO THE UNITED STATES.

TO ARRIVE IN FEBRUARY.

A Mandarin of High Rank and Great Wealth.

The new Chinese Minister, Chang Yin Huan, will not arrive in the country until February. Mr. Cheng Hansen, the interpreter of the Chinese Legation, to-day very kindly gave THE CRITIC reporter an interesting sketch of the Empire's new representative to the United States as far as his knowledge went. Chang Yin Huan is a gentleman of high culture and has held many important positions in the Empire. He was superintendent of the circuit of the province of Kiengsi, then superintendent of customs in Chefoo, and last year was a member of the Tslungi Yamen, which is similar to the English Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Secretary and Assistant Secretaries of State in this country. He has since been superintendent of the circuit of the province of Cheli, and is now under the Viceroy Li. The Viceroy has several advisers who hold about the same relation to him that the Cabinet holds to the President. We have no office in the United States similar to the superintendency of a province circuit in China. Chang Yin Huan is a mandarin of the second rank by brevet and a Minister of State of the third class.

"He is very progressive in his ideas," said Mr. Hansen, "and is very fond of foreign articles. He is a man of broad and compressive mind. I have never seen him, but I am informed that he is a gentleman of middle stature and between forty and fifty years of age. He is very wealthy; his father was one of the richest men in his province before his death, and was known through all China for his riches. The new minister travels in magnificent state wherever he goes."

"Does he speak English?"

"No, I think not. The elder portion of the Chinese population acquired their education before the extension of commerce to any extent with English-speaking countries, and the numerous duties connected with the offices held by high personages prevent them giving the necessary time to the learning of English. In the seaport towns, however, nearly every one speaks sufficient English to make themselves understood. Of course they are not masters of the language, but they can undertake sales with their knowledge of it."

"Will the new Minister bring new attaches with him?"

"I suppose some of the present attaches will remain here and some return to China. Of course the Minister has a large amount of confidential correspondence which can only be entrusted to assistants in whom he has perfect faith. He will act, I suppose, in the matter of attaches just as a newly-appointed minister from the United States to a foreign country would act in selecting his assistants."

Mr. Hansen is a native of China, although he wears American clothes, has cut off his queue and conforms to American customs. He is extremely well versed in English and bears the mark of a deep student both in his face and conversation. THE CRITIC is under obligations to him for his courteous reception of its representative.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Notes of Interest About Washington People.

George Stuart of Providence, R. I., is registered at the Ebbitt.

Colonel R. N. Batchelder is visiting old friends at Manchester, N. H.

Mrs. Coleman (Margaret Lanner) is visiting her mother at 1444 N street.

Mrs. Sawyer and family of Dumbarton avenue returned home Monday.

Captain K. Glover of the U. S. R. M. arrived at the Ebbitt this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Mattingly and Miss Brown are at Old Orchard Beach, Me.

Sergeant Dinsmore of the White House leaves for his vacation in New England tomorrow.

Mr. Charles F. MacDonald, superintendent of the Money Order office, was in Boston last week.

Mrs. Fenwick, wife of Dr. G. P. Fenwick of South Washington, is enjoying the delightful weather at Orkney Springs, Virginia.

Colonel Andrew W. Evans, U. S. A., formerly lieutenant-colonel Seventh Cavalry, is at the Ebbitt House from his home at Elkton, Md.

General Samuel K. Schwenk, U. S. A., is at the Ebbitt House from his summer home at Jamaica, L. I., on his way to his estate near Richmond.

Lieutenant W. O. Sharrer, U. S. N., and Mrs. Sharrer leave here this afternoon on the Congressional express train for their summer vacation.

Colonel and Mrs. John G. Thompson announce the marriage of their daughter Nettie to Edward L. Ritson, at Columbus, Wednesday, August 26.

DISTRICT GOVERNMENT NEWS.

Matters That are Being Considered By Our Local Rulers.

Poundmaster Einstein killed 544 dogs last month.

Samuel Norment has asked to have the pavement in alley 570 paved.

George C. Better has been appointed an additional private on the police force.

Inspector of Streets J. J. Burrows has been granted a leave of absence of ten days.

The monthly report of the Collector of Taxes for August shows the collections to have been $73,009.69.

Captain F. A. Mahon has recommended the dropping of Inspector John T. Chesley for negligence in the performance of his duty.

The number of deaths last week was 83; white, 41; colored, 42. Death rate per 1,000 per annum; white, 16.31; colored, 31.51. Total population, 21.58. 26 were under 5 years of age, and 15 over 60 years.

The Health Officer has been appealed to to abate a nuisance, consisting of a pond of stagnant water at North Capitol and O streets, but replies that he is powerless to enforce the District ordinances, because the owner is a non-resident.

The Commissioners have granted permission to the Washington Gaslight Company to lay mains on Wylie street northeast; Thirteenth street, between H and I streets northeast; Ninth street, between G and E streets southeast; Cleveland avenue; N street, between Second and Third streets; Spruce street, Le Droit Park.

The monthly report of the Inspector of Buildings for August show that more buildings were erected than any previous August. There were 221 erected against 113 the previous August, and there were 136 repaired against 31 the corresponding month in 1884. The receipts last month were $1,010 and the previous August there were $509.

A New Method.

Charles Dasenbrack was fined $20 or thirty days by Judge Mills for introducing a new method of dispossessing objectionable tenants, which was construed by the court to be an assault. The complainant was Samuel Henry. He was charged with placing a bucket of filth over the door of the tenant so that it would fall on him when he opened the door. The scheme worked successfully, hence the prosecution.

JAIL ESCAPE IN FAIRFAX.

Two Notorious Scoundrels Again at Liberty.

HERNDON, VA., Sept. 2.—Our usually quiet town was somewhat excited about 10 o'clock yesterday morning by the arrival of two sheriffs with the intelligence that two notorious colored rascals, Bill Jones and Bill Perry had escaped from the Fairfax County jail the night before and had been tracked near this place, when all trace of them was lost. The escape was made about 9 o'clock Monday evening. Perry feigned sickness and asked for a drink of water, which was brought by an old colored woman, a trusty servant of the establishment, who carelessly unlocked the cell door to give it to him. No sooner was the door opened than they both sprang out, knocking her down and nearly killing her. She remained insensible several hours. Jones and Perry were both former residents of this town, but on account of their many depredations were compelled to leave, and were arrested in Washington a few weeks since and lodged in Fairfax jail to await the action of the grand jury. Perry has served several terms in the county jail. One charge against Jones, beside many others, was for assaulting a lady on the highway, pulling her off her horse and attempting to carry her into the woods, when he was frightened away by a farmer passing by. After that several unsuccessful attempts were made to capture him by our officers, some of them even getting near enough to fire upon him, but without effect. The men remained in hiding in the woods in this vicinity before they finally left for Washington. A reward of $50 is offered for any information that will lead to their recovery.

A very pleasant affair was the marriage at 8 o'clock last night (at the residence of the bride's father, near Leesburg,) of Miss Kate McPherson to A. Orrison of Alexandria, Va. They have the best wishes of their many friends.

Herndon is verily a "well" place, no less than thirteen wells having been dug here during the last six weeks.

Dr. Rufus Choate extracted a very troublesome tumor last week from Charles Towsend, an aged and reputable gentleman who resides near Chantilly.

GENERAL VIRGINIA NEWS.

B. T. Holland, a prominent merchant and magistrate, died on Sunday at Sperryville, Rappahannock County, aged 60 years. He was buried with Masonic ceremonies, Rev. Aldridge Grimsley preaching the sermon.

Hon. Charles T. O'Ferrall has appointed H. Wirt Strickler, a son of Rev. H. M. Strickler of Page County, to a cadetship at West Point Military Academy from the ninth Congressional district.

A steam flouring mill is being erected at Harrisonburg with a capacity of 150 barrels of flour per day.

The Democrats of the ninth Congressional district will inaugurate the Gubernatorial campaign at Wytheville Monday, September 7. It is announced that General Fitzhugh Lee, Hon. John E. Massey and Mr. Rufus A. Ayers, candidates on the State ticket, will be present.

The Albemarle grape season is now at its height, and large shipments are being made each day to various distant markets. The crop is greatly the most abundant ever produced there.

A tournament was held on Wednesday last at the Roanoke Red Sulphur Springs in Virginia. J. N. Dillard, who won the first prize, crowned Miss Ida Bowers as queen of beauty. Miss Helen Leaf of Baltimore was crowned as first maid of honor by Mr. J. Harvey Chapman, the winner of the second prize.

INFECTED RAISINS.

Alarm at a Possible Way of Importing the Cholera.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 2.—Considerable excitement has been caused among importers of groceries of this city by statements tending to show the existence of a scheme to introduce cholera-infected raisins into the United States. It appears that one of the leading houses in the trade on the Pacific coast has advices from its agent in New York stating that one of the largest buyers of imported raisins has just received a dispatch from Malaga, stating that the product this year is very large and of excellent quality, and that the pressure of cholera will not act as an impediment to shipments to the United States.

This is accompanied by a letter of W. A. Smith, health officer at New York, to the firm of importers, in which he says that fruits gathered in infected districts, but packed and shipped from non-infected points, will not on that account subject vessels to delay at quarantine. This refers directly to imports of raisins from Malaga and Denia.

Referring to these statements, prominent men in the fruit trade and experienced packers declare that there is great danger of the introduction of cholera microbes in raisins from infected districts; that packed fruit easily absorbs microbes and retains them for a great length of time. The New York health officers are charged with gross neglect of duty in opening the way for the terrible disease into this country.

The Pharmaceutical Convention.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 2.—The thirty-third annual meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association will open in this city September 8, continuing in session until the twelfth instant. Over fifty of the most prominent firms of the United States will place on exhibition at old City Hall a complete line of goods handled in the drug trade. The entertainment committee have prepared an elaborate programme. The general purpose of the convention is to make the members keep pace with the advances made in the profession; also to devise plans securing absolute uniformity in the selling prices of their goods.

Disappeared with $12,000.

TOPEKA, KAN., Sept. 2.—Last Friday, Fred Brown, son of a large stock dealer in this county, drew $5,500 from the First National Bank of this city on a firm in Kansas City. He has not been heard from since. His father yesterday stated that his son had with him about $7,000 of his money, having in all about $12,500. There are many rumors, though it is generally believed young Brown has been foully dealt with. Developments are anxiously awaited.

The Season at Chautauqua.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Sept. 2.—During the sessions of the Chautauqua Assembly at Lake Chautauqua nearly 90,000 people visited the grounds. The gate receipts were $30,000, and the receipts from all other sources $60,000. The totals are larger than of the eleven preceding assemblies. Twelve thousand dollars was expended for the programme this year.

Loading the Swatara.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 2.—The work of loading the Swatara with silver coin from the mint began Monday. The vessel lies a quarter of a mile from the mint, and the coin is transported in wagons and placed in strong boxes aboard the vessel. Each wagon load consists of $72,000. A squad of four marines act as guard to each wagon.

The Hoboken Tragedy.

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—The funerals of Gretchen and Ella Holts took place today in Hoboken from their father's residence. Druggist Am. Ende has so far recovered from the effects of the poison he had taken as to be able to leave his bed to-day.

Smallpox From Infected Rags.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Sept. 2.—There are a few cases of smallpox at Spring Mills, a small town near this city. The first case originated in the paper mills, and the disease was certainly due to the use of infected rags.

Inquest on Tom Davis.

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—Coroner Levy began this morning an inquest in the case of Tom Davis, the sporting man who was shot and killed by James T. Holland.

THE LONDON SCANDAL.

EDITOR STEAD CHARGED WITH COMPLICITY IN AN ABDUCTION.

GEN. BOOTH THREATENED.

Mrs. Jarrett Arraigned for Vilely Entrapping a Young Girl.

LONDON, Sept. 2.—Mrs. Jarrett, the reformed procuress and abductor of the child Eliza Armstrong, whom the Salvationists rescued from a life of shame, has been arrested and lodged in jail. The police had been vainly searching for several days in an effort to discover her hiding place, and at last were compelled to threaten General Booth, the chief of the Salvationists—whom they charged with secreting the woman—with arrest before he consented to deliver her up. After several days of negotiations, in which the General insisted that if he must deliver Mrs. Jarrett up he should be allowed to send her to the police station escorted by one of the Salvation Army sisters, he was finally allowed to do so, and this morning Mrs. Jarrett was given in custody of the police. She was accompanied by one of the sisters of the Salvation Army, and walked demurely to the police station, where she was placed in a cell.

Mrs. Jarrett was arraigned in the Bowstreet Police Court this afternoon and charged by Mr. Poland, the Crown attorney, with indecently assaulting the girl, Eliza Armstrong; also with administering noxious drugs to her, feloniously detaining her and conspiring with Mr. Stead of the *Pall Mall Gazette* and others to commit the offenses charged. Mr. Poland, in opening the case, declared that the Crown proposed to prove that Mrs. Jarrett obtained the Armstrong girl by trick and device under the guise of wanting her services to assist in housework.

At the conclusion of Mr. Poland's remarks the magistrate remanded the prisoner until Monday next. Her counsel asked that his client be released on bail, but this was peremptorily refused. After the disposal of Mrs. Jarrett's case Mr. Poland applied for summonses for Editor Stead, General Booth and others for complicity. The summonses were promptly granted.

NEWS FROM ABROAD.

A Renewal of Dynamite Outrages Feared in London.

LONDON, Sept. 2.—Various uncomfortable rumors have been floating about London lately to the effect that there is soon to be a renewal of the dynamite outrages on public buildings similar to those perpetrated last January. The reports have been especially rife since the publication in the *Pall Mall Gazette* of August 22 of O'Donovan Rossa's letter to his adherents in Havre and Antwerp, in which he complained that they had plenty of "oatmeal" and wouldn't use it, and commanded them to "arrange for several simultaneous explosions in England forwith."

The police pooh-poohed these rumors, as usual, but this time they seem more confident than on some previous occasions, and they claim to have certain information which convinces them that no dynamite outrages will be attempted until after the elections are decided. If the Tories win the police believe that the dynamiters will pause long enough to let Lord Saulsbury show his hand in regard to his Irish policy. If the Liberals are returned to power the police think some attempt may be made; "but," an inspector remarked to the Philadelphia *Press* correspondent, "we are ready for them now, and every man that comes monkeying with dynamite around public buildings will get the fate of Cunningham and Burton, or worse."

THE EARL OF CARNARVAN'S REIGN.

The Earl of Carnarvan continues to do everything in his power to add to the popularity of his reign in Ireland. It is now believed that he has decided to pay Bryant Kilmartin $2,500 as compensation for his unjust imprisonment. Kilmartin was a poor farmer of Arran, who was convicted of an agrarian outrage and sentenced to penal servitude for life. After he had served several years of this sentence a man named Ganley died in Boston, after having confessed on his deathbed, and with all the solemnity attending a confession to a Catholic priest when the penitent is seeking extreme unction, that he had committed the crime for which Kilmartin was suffering. The subject was agitated in Parliament, and, under the pressure exercised by the Irish members, Earl Spencer reluctantly liberated the prisoner last September.

Earl Spencer afterward brought forward as a proof of the ingratitude of the Irish people the fact that he had not even been thanked for this act of clemency. Kilmartin's parliamentary champions retorted that it was not a case for gratitude, that the Viceroy's tardy and ungracious liberation of the prisoner was a mere act of justice, or rather that it was a scanty reparation for the heinous and terrible act of injustice. They have ever since sought to obtain some money compensation for Kilmartin, whose little property was wholly swallowed up in the costs of his defense and whose family were made paupers.

MORE AGRARIAN OUTRAGES.

Reports of agrarian outrages in the County Kerry, Ireland, continue to be received with alarming frequency. Most of the crimes are perpetrated under the cover of night, and tenants who have rented farms from which the former occupants have been evicted are in constant terror of the vengeance of the "Moonlighters," as the midnight marauders are termed. All sorts of outrages are perpetrated by these lawless bands from the hamstringing of cattle to firing of houses and shooting into the windows of dwellings when the people have retired. Last night the houses of two bailiffs who had incurred the displeasure of the "Moonlighters" by taking part in a recent eviction proceeding were fired into several times, but fortunately without injury to any of the inmates.

THE STEPHENS RELIEF FUND.

Mr. Michael Davitt's lecture on James Stephens' connection with Irish history, which was delivered in the Rotunda at Dublin on the 25th of last July, produced a net profit of $800, and this sum was to-day handed over to the Stephens Relief Fund, in aid of which the lecture was delivered.

PARNELL'S THREATS.

A banquet was given by the Lord Mayor of Dublin at the Mansion House last evening in honor of Mr. Parnell and his Irish colleagues in the House of Commons. There were 300 guests present, exclusive of the members of Parliament. In a speech Mr. Parnell said that if home rule were refused the Irish they would make it impossible for the English to legislate. England could either grant the Irish the right to rule themselves or make the country a Crown colony. The latter would be practically tantamount to the former. He denounced outrages, saying that the continuance of them would be a terrible blow to the Irish cause. The land question was the great question in Ireland.

Death of W. W. Shippen.

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—W. W. Shippen of Hoboken, widely known throughout the country, died this morning. He was at one time president of the Hoboken Land & Improvement Company, was Presidential Elector on the New Jersey ticket and president of the Democratic Executive Committee, and was also one of the originators of the New York Yacht Club. He was also a great friend of General McClellan and Commodore Stevens, and was manager of the Stevens estate in Hoboken.

THE TEXAN TREASURY.

Governor Ireland Does Not Believe in a Large Surplus.

AUSTIN, TEX., Sept. 2.—Governor Ireland in an interview touching the lamentably depleted condition of the State Treasury, says that in his opinion it is a bad policy to accumulate funds in the Treasury either by selling public lands or by raising taxes unnecessarily, as long as necessary expenses are met. Even though this policy resulted in a small annual deficit, the Governor thinks it is better than hoarding large sums which might otherwise remain in circulation. This declaration from the Governor of Texas, who is also chairman of the State Land Board, is important to Northern capitalists seeking investment in Texas lands, as it indicates the policy of the administration for the next two years is with holding from sale many million acres of lands.

The Governor did not say whether he believed it was bad policy or good in the Land Board to allow $2,000,000 in taxes to escape collection from the foreign cattle farms, as is openly charged by the press of the State. At its meeting yesterday the Land Board ratified the lease of nearly 500,000 acres of grazing land in Greer County. This is the county claimed by the United States Government and the action is regarded by many as an usurpation on the part of Texas pending a decision as to the boundary line. Over $20,000 was paid into the Treasury yesterday by the Day Land & Cattle Company and other lessees as the first year's rental for these Greer County lands.

GENERAL GRANT'S FUNERAL.

Its Cost Greatly Over-Estimated—Only About $20,000.

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—"The cost of General Grant's funeral has been greatly overestimated," General Perry said in his office on Governor's Island yesterday. "I have heard it said that the total amount will be $50,000, while I am told that even $100,000 has been guessed. The bill for the Government's share in the expense has been sent to me and by me forwarded to Washington. This bill does not include the cost of transportation of the body from Mt. McGregor to New York, together with the funeral train and the passengers, besides the pilot engine which was ahead of the funeral train. That was a present from the railroad company. Neither does the bill include the cost of keeping the body in state in the City Hall in New York nor in Albany. The cost of all the lying in state in New York city will be borne by the municipal government.

"The total amount will be less than $20,000. The largest item in the bill is $5,000 for carriage hire. When it is remembered that New York, New Jersey and Brooklyn were called on to contribute carriages at the usual rates for carriage hire, this amount will not be considered large. The bill is itemized."

"It is not believed," added General Perry, "that the bill will be questioned or changed at Washington, because it seems reasonable, but do not report my words in the way of commenting or criticising the bill."

Labor Men in Council.

ROME, N. Y., Sept. 2.—The State Labor Convention was called to order in the Court House by Chairman Franey at 10 o'clock. The committee on permanent organization reported F. F. Donovan of Brooklyn for chairman; Thomas Bankratz of Durhamville, for vice-chairman; John Cannon of Troy and Lewis B. Sherman of Rome, for secretaries; Samuel McElwee of Rochester, for treasurer. Adopted.

Mr. Donovan, upon being escorted to the chair, delivered a brief address thanking the convention for the honor conferred. The other officers of the permanent organization were then introduced. The report of the committee on rules and by-laws was adopted and ordered printed.

A resolution giving the State Workingmen's Assembly the right to fix the time and place of holding the meeting of the political branch was opposed and amended so as to give the power to the executive committee.

Resolutions condemning the action of Whitelaw Reid and the New York *Tribune* for alleged violation of the agreement with the compositors were adopted unanimously.

Fire in a Cotton Mill.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Sept. 2.—Fire broke out at 6:15 this morning in Arrott's mill, southwest corner of Coral and Taylor streets. The mill is owned by William Arrott, and occupied by Joseph Green, manufacturer of cotton and woolen goods; Robert Beatty, hosiery; Thomas Henry, cotton yarn, and others. The mill is about 150 feet on Coral and 200 feet on Taylor streets. Two alarms were given before the fire department had the flames under control.

The fire is supposed to have originated from spontaneous combustion. The amount of loss to the machinery, building and stock is not yet ascertained, but it is fully covered by insurance.

The Masonic Relief Lodges.

BALTIMORE, MD., Sept. 2.—The National Convention of Masonic Relief Lodges held the final session to-day. The organization was perfected by the election of the following officers: President, Martin Collins of St. Louis; first vice-president, J. E. Pope of New York; second vice-president, J. Mitchell of Montreal secretary, Dr. D. F. Pennington of Baltimore; treasurer, William Delamater of New York; advisory board, W. B. Isaacs, Virginia; Isaac Hirsh, South Carolina; N. J. Higgins, Wisconsin. The next annual meeting will be held at St. Louis, Mo.

Judge Foraker Corrected.

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—A Savannah dispatch says that Judge Foraker's statement in his speech at Portsmouth, O., yesterday that there is but one voting place in Savannah is ridiculous. The elections are held at the court-house, which is in the centre of four streets,