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GOVERNMENTAL GOSSIP.

The Anti-Pool Room Bill Signed by the President.

OFFERINGS OF BONDS TO-DAY

Mr. Cleveland Invited to New York on Decoration Day—General Department Notes.

Bond Offerings To-day.—The offerings of bonds to-day were $922,050, and the acceptances by Secretary Fairchild only $156,150, at 125 to 126.

The President's Callers.—Among the President's callers to-day were Senators Beck and Cullom and Colquitt, with Messrs. Turnbull and Arnold of Georgia; Representatives Clements, Peel, Davis, and Bland.

To Reappraise the New York.—Secretary Whitney has decided to reappraise the unfinished frame of the United States vessel New York, which is lying in a boat-house at Brooklyn. A recent act of Congress authorized the sale of the vessel for $1,500, but no purchaser came forward.

Bills Approved.—The President has approved the District Pool bill, entitled "An act to prevent any person or persons in the cities of Washington and Georgetown from making books and pools on the result of trotting or running races or boat races; also the bills granting pensions to Helen M. Randolph and William O. Doyel, and those for the relief of Mrs. Betsy Winterbottom and Oscar F. Carpenter of the Eleventh Independent Battery, Ohio L. I.

Decoration Day in New York.—A committee from New York, consisting of General N. W. Day, Colonel A. Newberger and David Seymour Brown of the G. A. R. Memorial Committee, called on the President this morning and invited him to attend the Decoration Day services in New York May 30. The President promised to consider the matter. He will probably attend the services in Brooklyn on that day, and, if possible, also review the New York parade.

"Hotel Johnson" Opening.

Mr. Johnson will formally open his excellent hotel and bar this evening and has invited his friends and the general public to be present and partake of his hospitality. This splendid hotel, on the corner of Thirteenth and E streets, is one of the best planned and furnished houses in the country. Mr. Johnson will run it on the European style. He has one of the largest and best arranged dining-rooms in the city. The proprietor's life has been devoted to this branch of his business. His European hotel is a credit to Mr. Johnson and an acquisition to the National Capital.

Minor and Personal.

Commodore Harmony returned last evening from his visit to Portsmouth, N. H.

About one-hundred persons, among them several members of the French Opera Company, attended the President's reception this afternoon.

The contract for building the Corliss engine, to be used in running the new machinery at the Portsmouth (Va.) Navy-Yard, has been awarded to the Richmond Locomotive and Machine Works.

The Chief Justiceship.

It was rumored at the Capitol this afternoon that the President was on the eve of sending in the name of Justice Field for Chief Justice, whereupon a number of Democratic Senators hastened to the White House to protest against the nomination of the appointee of a Republican President.

Burial Permits Issued.

Burial permits have been issued during the past twenty-four hours by the Health Officer for the following:

Martha E. Bradley, 69 years; Jessie Z. Cox, 25 years; Ella Hunt, colored, 6 months; Nannie Moore, colored, 32 years; George W. Dugan, 71 years; infant of James and Mary Page, colored, 1 month; Mary Fletsch, 61 years; Andrew Steinockle, 1 year; Raymond A. Carr, 9 months; Bartholomew Niland, 53 years; Hattie V. Stokes, colored, 1 year; Mary Meyer, 68 years; Louisa Brown, colored, 6 months; Mary Ellen Kelley, colored, 18 years; Carrie E. Mitchell, colored, 12 years.

A Cab Driver Drops Dead.

John Welsh, a young man about 25 years of age, in the employ of Owen Wood as a cab driver, while driving down Fifteenth street about 1 o'clock this afternoon was seen to fall from the seat of the cab. He was immediately picked up and carried into Nairn's drugstore and Dr. Magruder summoned, who pronounced him dead. The body was removed to the morgue.

Why They Called Late.

THE CRITIC has been informed that the reason Private Watchman Davis and Officer Dant went to Elias Solomon's house at midnight with a warrant for his son, as he complained to the Commissioners, was that the boy avoided the officers during the day, being assisted by his father, and that the officers had no other way of catching him.

Two Wills Filed.

The will of the late Columbus W. Thorn, filed to-day, names E. G. Davis as the trustee of his house and business, until his young child is 21.

The will of the late John A. Graham names W. C. and Martha M. Graham as executors, and directs that the income from his estate shall be divided between his two children.

A Painful Accident.

Mr. J. Frank Maguire, superintendent of the *Post* building, met with a very painful accident this afternoon, a large mould falling on his foot, crushing the bones of his large toe.

Docking Tails Illegal.

A fine of $25 was imposed to-day upon Veterinary Surgeon Alexander McMaster for cruelty to animals in "docking" the tails of the British Minister's horses.

New York Excursionists.

An excursion party of several hundred persons arrived this morning from Central and Southern New York State.

THE DEMAND for albums is on the increase from all parts of the country. This interesting and beautiful collection of richly-colored Aches of the rulers, flags, etc., of the nations is sent post paid to every one sending seventy-five folding cards, same as taken from five-cent boxes Turkish Cross-Cut Cigarettes. Address Duke Sons & Co., 400 First avenue, New York.

The production of minerals in the United States is twice the output of Great Britain.

The oldest song in existence is said to be "We won't go home till morning." It evidently belongs to very early times.

THE DISTRICT GOVERNMENT.

More Gas Lamps.

The Commissioners have granted a permit to the Washington Gas Company to erect the following additional lamps: Two in alley, square 157; one in alley, square 383; two in alley, square 456; one in alley, square 455; one in alley, square 488; one in alley, square 222; five on I, between Sixth and Seventh streets northeast; one on Gordon avenue (alley, square 753), two in Wallach Place, three on First street southeast, between C street and North Carolina avenue; two on Twelfth, between S and T streets; nine on Ohio avenue and adjacent streets, three on New Hampshire avenue, between S and T streets; one on S street, between New Hampshire avenue and Eighteenth street; five on G, between North Capitol and First streets northeast; three on Sixteenth, between R and S streets; one on First, between G and H streets northeast.

SOCIETY NOTES.

Minister Phelps was the centre of a constantly changing throng of visitors at Secretary Bayard's yesterday, where the Misses Bayard held the last of their Wednesday receptions. Miss Beckham, Miss Hugett, Miss Taylor and Miss Horsey assisted and Miss Florence Bayard poured the tea.

Mrs. Whitney's ball-room was thronged after 5 o'clock with visitors. Miss Anna Hope Hudson presided at the tea table. On Wednesdays during May Mrs. Whitney will be at home at Grasslands.

Mrs. Don Dickinson was assisted yesterday by Mrs. Brown of Detroit, Mrs. Senator Gray, Miss Vilas and Miss Willard, and Mrs. Olmstead poured the tea. Mrs. Dickinson will make a visit to her Western home at an early date and will discontinue her receptions until next fall. Mrs. Palmer's last reception for the season was held this afternoon.

Miss Lillian A. Barton and Rev. J. C. Wilson of Philadelphia were married last evening at Ascension Church by the Rev. Dr. Elliott. The ushers were Messrs. Remus F. Foster, U. S. Walton and F. W. Rodgers; Miss Helene Nicolay, Miss Gertrude Galt and Miss Mae Ladd, the bridesmaids, were escorted by the groomsmen, Messrs. J. K. Wilson, Alfred Barton and Harry Barton of Philadelphia. The bride was given away by Mr. John G. Nicolay. After a reception, held at the residence of Mrs. Barton, the couple left for a tour through the North. They will reside in Philadelphia upon their return.

The Rev. Father Donohue officiated at the marriage of Mr. E. A. Holcombe and Miss Susie Combs, at 1908 Sunderland Place, last night. Miss Leila Combs was the maid of honor and Mr. John Johns the best man, the bridesmaids being Miss Holcombe, Miss Lida Mills, Miss May Tarr and Miss Leila Spindle. Later in the evening the couple left for their home at Rawlings, Wyoming.

Mr. Edwin I. Nottingham and Miss Carrie B. Butt were married at the Calvary Baptist Church yesterday. The ushers were Messrs. Nicholas Acker, A. W. Bright, Samuel Thompson and S. G. Nottingham. Mr. and Mrs. Nottingham held a short reception after the ceremony and left for a short wedding tour in New England. Mr. Nottingham is well known in East Washington, and has been engaged in the patent business for a number of years. Miss Butt resided in South Washington.

Dr. Robert E. Hening and Miss Mary Louise Jones were united in marriage last evening at the Metropolitan Presbyterian Church, Fourth and B streets southeast, by the pastor, Rev. John Chester, D. D. After a reception Dr. and Mrs. Hening will go to Sitka, Alaska, where Dr. Hening will take charge of the Hospital.

Senator Wade Hampton's daughter, who has been studying nursing in New York, will return to South Carolina and organize training schools for nurses.

The family of Senator Edmunds have returned to this city from Aiken, S. C., where they spent much of the winter.

The London *Chronicle* announces the approaching marriage of Mr. Joseph Chamberlin to Miss Endicott, whom he met in Washington on his recent visit.

John D. Creamer of this city, private secretary to Mr. Randall, was married at Reading, Pa., yesterday, to Miss Lucy A. Hunter of that place.

GEN. GRANT'S NOMINATION.

What he Said to Sherman About it Twenty Years Ago.

General Sherman has given to the *North American Review* a copy of a letter received by him from General Grant in June, 1868, in which the great soldier gives his reasons for accepting the Republican nomination for President. The letter is historical and interesting and is printed for the first time. It is as follows:

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES,
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 21, 1868.

DEAR SHERMAN: Your kind favor written from New Mexico is received. You understand my position exactly. It is one I would not occupy for any mere personal consideration, but from the nature of the contest since the close of active hostilities I have been forced into it in spite of myself. I could not back down without, as it seems to me, leaving the contest for power for the next four years between mere trading politicians, the elevation of whom, no matter which party won, would lose to us largely the results of the costly war which we have gone through. Now the Democrats will be forced to adopt a good platform, and put upon it a reliable man who, if elected, will disappoint the Copperhead element of their party. This will be a great point gained, if nothing more is accomplished. I feel very grateful to the officers of our army, whose military achievements made my reputation as well as their own, to know that they support me in this new field. I do not expect, or want, active support, but merely the satisfaction of knowing what your letter assures me of on your part. Officers who expect to make the army their home for life have to serve under successive Administrations, and should not make themselves obnoxious to any party likely ever to come into power. * * * * U. S. GRANT.

PERSONAL MENTION.

—AN ELEGANT basket of flowers adorned the banquet table of the National University Alumni last night at Harvey's, the gift of Dr. John A. Daley.

—SENATORS SHERMAN, Cameron, Quay and ex-Senator Harrison will attend the Grant birthday banquet of the American Club at Pittsburg to-morrow night.

—MR. J. N. WHITNEY, Chief Clerk of the Bureau of Statistics, Treasury Department, who has been in England and France for several months for the purpose of regaining his health, returned to the city yesterday much improved, and will resume his duties on the 1st of May.

—COLONEL W. F. SWITZLER, Chief of the Bureau of Statistics, has been invited by the Committee on Economic Science and Statistics of the American Association for the Advancement of Science to prepare a paper on some topic relating to Statistics for the next meeting of the association to be held in Cleveland on August 22.

Mr. Exley's Death.

The jury of inquest summoned to investigate the death of Mr. Arthur Exley of Philadelphia, whose body was found in the Baltimore and Potomac tunnel, at Baltimore, Tuesday afternoon, met yesterday at Union Station. Mr. F. H. Kapp, conductor, and E. F. Dennis, train conductor, said they saw Mr. Exley on the train and that he appeared intoxicated. The jury gave a verdict that Mr. Exley came to his death accidentally Tuesday afternoon by falling off the New York and Washington limited express.

Tragedian Miln's Troubles.

CHICAGO, April 26.—Tragedian Miln has written a strong denial of the story printed in the *Journal*, purporting to give the "inside" of the actor's domestic troubles. He says he will sue for damages.

IN CONGRESS TO-DAY.

Mr. Ingalls Will Reply to Mr. Voorhees on Tuesday Next.

MORE TARIFF DISCUSSION.

Mr. Buchanan of New Jersey Followed by Mr. Hemphill of South Carolina.

In the Senate to-day Mr. McPherson introduced by request the bill which has been pending for years to compensate John Pope Hodnett for legal services in defense of the workingmen of the District of Columbia.

Mr. Chandler presented a bill for suitable recognition of the services of Chief Engineer Melville and other members of the Jeannette relief party.

Mr. McPherson reported favorably the bill making an additional appropriation of $75,000 for the iron pier at Fortress Monroe.

The bill for the publication of Finley's storm charts of the North Atlantic Ocean was adversely reported.

Mr. Ingalls went down from the chair to his place on the floor to say that he had been absent from the Senate Chamber yesterday when the Senator from Indiana made his speech. He had been called to sign some enrolled bills and had left the Chamber with the understanding that Senator Voorhees was making a tariff speech. He was surprised to find from the newspapers this morning that he had been the object of attack by the Senator from Indiana. As that Senator had made some strange omissions in his references to the attitude of the Democratic party toward the Union soldier and pension legislation, he would take occasion on Tuesday next at 2 o'clock to reply to some of Senator Voorhees's statements.

Mr. Hale presented a resolution calling upon the Secretary of the Interior for a statement of the appointments made to positions of messengers, laborers, etc., under his Department, and the promotions and changes of rank made among persons so appointed. This was adopted.

At the conclusion of morning business the bill for the forfeiture of unearned land grants was taken up for further discussion.

Mr. Dolph made a long speech on the bill, extending beyond 2 o'clock.

The Senate agreed to adjourn over from to-day until Monday.

THE HOUSE.

A bill was passed in the House to-day for the relief of the Omaha tribe of Indians in Nebraska.

The morning hour was dispensed with and the House went into Committee of the Whole on the Tariff bill. Mr. Buchanan of New Jersey being the first speaker.

He charged the Democratic side of the House with having wasted considerable time this session. He said the Democrats were responsible for tariff and revenue legislation.

For four months the Committee on Ways and Means did not produce in open committee any tariff bill. Finally one was brought forth. No one knows its author. No one has as yet been proud enough of the child to father it. He quoted extracts from annual messages of Washington and Jackson, favoring protection to American industries. He devoted some time to statistics, showing the prosperous condition of the country under the protective system. The American people prefer to continue under this system, the benefits of which are apparent, rather than to adopt another, the evils of which they know not of.

Mr. Buchanan was followed by Mr. Hemphill of South Carolina in favor of the bill.

THE IRON AND COAL TARIFF.

There was a little talk yesterday that the Ways and Means Committee would amend the Tariff bill so as to include iron and coal ore on the free list, but Mr. McMillin has assured Colonel O'Ferrall of Virginia that nothing of the kind is contemplated, and, what is more, the phraseology of the Tariff bill will be changed so that all doubts on the point of free iron and coal will be removed. This will be interesting news to the people of Southwestern Virginia.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN THE HOUSE.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee this morning ordered a favorable report on the bill authorizing the President to appoint a delegate to attend the International Geodetic Association to be held in Berlin. No appropriation is made for the purpose. They also agreed to take up the Consulate Reorganization bill and dispose of it two weeks from to-day.

NO MAN'S LAND

The House Public Lands Committee at their meeting this morning amended Senate bill 1080 by attaching the public land strip, known as "No Man's Land," to New Mexico instead of Kansas. The amendment also provides for a land office to be established on the strip and the appointment of a register and receiver.

MR. CREVELING'S CLAIM.

Senator McPherson to-day introduced, by request, the petition of George Creveling for compensation at the rate of $8 per day for the use of his wharf and dock property by Colonel Hains in the work of river-front improvements.

THE ZACHARY TAYLOR STATUE.

Senator Evarts to-day reported favorably from the Library Committee the bill appropriating $35,000 for an equestrian statue of General Zachary Taylor in this city.

THE PARIS EXPOSITION BILL.

The House Ways and Means Committee to-day agreed to the conference report on the Paris Exposition bill. The Senate increased the appropriation from $200,000 to $320,000, and the Conference Committee compromised on $250,000, and raised the salaries of the Commissioner-General and the Sub-Commissioners in proportion to the increase of appropriation. The provision relating to American pork in France was stricken from the bill in the Senate.

RELIEF FOR PAYMASTER SMITH.

Senator Chandler to-day introduced a proposed amendment to one of the appropriation bills, directing the accounting officers of the Treasury to allow the naval vouchers, amounting to $65,742, for which ex-Paymaster-General Joseph A. Smith of the navy has been held responsible.

IMPORTED LABOR STATISTICS.

The Ways and Means Committee held a short session this morning and ordered a favorable report on Mr. Breckinridge's resolution calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for information as to the number of foreign laborers imported to this country and the effect of such competition on American workmen. The compilation is to be based on the census returns of 1880.

IN THE SENATE YESTERDAY.

The debate on the Land-grant forfeiture was continued in the Senate until adjournment. Senator Hoar denounced what he regarded as dishonest practices of attorneys in Washington to secure interests in lands forfeited under this bill. Senator Palmer questioned the correctness of Senator Hoar's charges and believed the matter to be simply a contest between the representatives of a railroad and a canal company, whose interests were involved.

THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS.

Senator Frye believes there will be no trouble in securing a conference agreement and final passage of the American Congress of Nations bill with an amendment leaving to the President the selection of delegates.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICES.

A bill introduced by Senator Chandler to-day dates back Chief Engineer Melville's promotion, and advances him in rank in consideration of his services in the Arctic regions, and provides for medals to him and his associates of the Jeannette relief party.

CAPITOL NOTES.

The sub-committee of the Senate District Committee investigating the subject of street railroad taxation in this city is rapidly bringing its labors to a close.

The Senate District Committee will take up the high license bill at its regular weekly meeting to-morrow, and endeavor to reach an agreement.

The Printing Office investigation was continued this morning, the witnesses of yesterday being cross-examined by Mr. Gallinger. Nothing of importance was developed.

Senators Cameron, Payne and Hampton were in their places to-day after a few days' absence.

Chairman Springer thinks the House Committee on Territories will set May 29 for consideration of the Omnibus Territorial bill.

Senator Faulkner to-day introduced a bill to pay the heirs of Margaret Bulger $2,500 for damages to her property from the extension of the Capitol grounds.

Hon. Wm. R. Morrison paid a social visit to the Ways and Means Committee to-day.

Railway Presidents Confer.

PHILADELPHIA, April 26.—A conference of railroad presidents was held in President Roberts's office on Tuesday and was continued yesterday. Samuel Spencer, president of the Baltimore and Ohio Road, called upon the Pennsylvania Railroad president early in the day, and later, upon President Corbin of the Reading Railroad Company, when President Maxwell of the Jersey Central Company joined them. A statement was made that the meetings were for the purpose of arranging for an interchange of freight traffic. It was rumored, however, that President Spencer's errand was in relation to securing a New York outlet for his Philadelphia branch over the Reading and Jersey Central's tracks. The presence of the executive officials of these three roads in conference gave color to the report, but nothing definite could be learned of the result of the conference. The freight arrangement has been in effect for some time, and it is desired to make passenger arrangements also.

At the End of Their Rope.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., April 26.—Two deputy sheriffs of Socorro County, who had been on the trail of Joe Atkins and Frank Porter for two days, came up with them near San Jose, in this county, Tuesday afternoon, when a regular-pitched battle ensued, in which Porter was killed and Atkins captured. The prisoner and the body of the dead man were brought here yesterday. These are the same men that shot Slaughter in the American Valley about a year ago. Atkins killed a man named Shipman near the same place about a month ago because he was working for Slaughter. He has threatened several times to kill all of Slaughter's men. Porter is reported to have killed a number of men, and it is said that there are rewards offered for him in various places in the West and South to the amount of $10,000.

Hanged by Vigilantes.

BELVIDERE, KANS., April 26.—The murder of Dr. W. E. Ashley and Eugene Grove of this place in the Indian Territory has been confirmed. They hired a team and buggy to go to the Nation on a hunting and prospecting tour. When a few miles below Englewood, in the Indian Territory, they were met by vigilantes, who called Grove from camp, and without warning or ceremony hanged him to rails crossed on saplings. Ashley drew his Winchester and opened fire. They returned his fire at once, fifteen balls piercing his body. They had two women companions, and what has become of the remains of the murdered men or the unfortunate females cannot be conjectured. Sheriff Echolz has returned from the scene and states that he cannot find a trace of the people nor the team.

The Stock and Money Market.

NEW YORK, April 26.—Money, 2 per cent. Exchange steady; posted rates, 486¼@488¼; actual rates, 486@486¼ for 60 days and 488@488¼ for demand. Governments closed steady; currency 6s, 121¼ bid; 4s, coupon, 126¾ bid; 4½s, do., 107¼ bid.

The stock market this morning was active, with the low-priced stocks the features. There was a good buying, and the whole list, with the exception of Reading, steadily advanced, the top figures being current at the present writing. A sharp selling of Reading just before midday caused some display of weakness by that stock, but it soon recovered. The advance in the general list ranged from ¼ to 2½ per cent.

Alexandria News.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., April 26.—The present depot building of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company should be replaced with a better one and a delegation of citizens will wait on Superintendent Carter of the railroad and advocate the erection of a handsome depot at the corner of Cameron and Henry streets.

The school board has asked the City Council to appropriate $3,000 additional to enable them to complete their new school building at the corner of Washington and Wolfe streets.

Political Points.

The State Republican Convention of Maine is in session at Bangor to-day.

The Republicans of Delaware will meet in State convention at Dover, May 17.

Congressman Yoder of the Fourth Ohio District was renominated by the Democratic Convention at Lima.

Senator M. S. Quay, William R. Leeds, Daniel H. Hastings and Henry W. Oliver were elected yesterday as delegates-at-large to Chicago by the Pennsylvania Republican Convention.

The Republican delegation to Chicago, elected by the Texas State Convention at Fort Worth yesterday, stands sixteen white to ten colored men, and is supposed to be about equally divided between Blaine and Sherman.

Seth L. Milliken was renominated for Congress yesterday by the Republicans of the Third Maine District, in convention at Waterville, and Charles P. Wickham by the Republicans of the Fourteenth Ohio District, in convention at Shelby.

Senator George F. Hoar of Worcester, F. L. Burden of Attleboro, Henry S. Hyde, Springfield, and Alanson W. Beard, Boston, were elected as delegates-at-large to Chicago by the Republican State Convention of Massachusetts, in session at Boston.

Senator Payne, who arrived in Cleveland, Ohio, yesterday, said: "I don't believe there will be any opposition to Cleveland's renomination. He has the machine and stands well with the people. General Black or Assistant Postmaster-General Stevenson will be the nominee for Vice-President. Both are strong men and Black is likely to get the nomination. I shall not be a delegate to the National Democratic Convention."

THE INDIANA DEMOCRATS.

Congressman Matson for Governor and Governor Gray for Vice-President.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 26.—The Democratic State Convention at Tomlinson Hall was called to order at 10 o'clock this morning by Permanent Chairman Charles L. Jewett, ex-Speaker of the House. At this time neither Governor Gray nor Mr. McDonald had put in an appearance. The Governor is suffering from a sprained ankle.

Opinions in regard to Mr. McDonald's letter on Governor Gray are various, but many of the ex-Senator's friends criticise it as unwise and calculated to put the party in a bad light before the country.

Just as Permanent Chairman Jewett was introduced, Delegate Matt. Quinn of Indianapolis arose in the hall and entered a protest because there was no picture of Hendricks upon the stage, although one of Cleveland's occupied a position there. He said it was an insult to the memory of the deceased Vice-President and demanded that the picture be produced without delay. The convention enthusiastically applauded and a committee went out to procure a picture.

The following were appointed delegates-at-large to the National Convention: Senators Voorhees and Turpie, John G. Shanklin, Evansville, and John H. Bass, Fort Wayne; alternates: John H. Stoenberg, New Albany; K. M. Hord, Shelbyville; A. C. Dowven, Rising Sun; David J. Heffron, Washington.

The Platform.

The report of the Committee on Platform was presented by William H. English and was unanimously adopted, though without any great display of enthusiasm. The resolutions indorse the Administration, express renewed confidence in Senator Voorhees and Governor Gray and instruct the delegates to support the latter for Vice-President.

Nomination of Candidates.

For Judges of the Supreme Court, W. E. Niblack in the First District, George V. Houk, Second District, and Allen Zollars, Fourth District, were renominated, Mr. Niblack by acclamation.

Wm. R. Myers of Madison County and C. C. Matson of Putnam County being placed in nomination, Mr. Myers withdrew from the race, and moved that Mr. Matson's nomination be made unanimous. Mr. Myers was then nominated for Lieutenant-Governor.

R. W. Miers of Monroe County was nominated for Secretary of State; C. G. Munson of Allen for Auditor, Thomas Byrne of Vanderburg for Treasurer and John W. Kern of Howard for Reporter of the Supreme Court by acclamation. Green Smith and John R. Wilson were placed in nomination for Attorney-General.

A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY.

A Woman Fatally Shot by Her Husband.

KOKOMO, IND., April 26.—A terrible tragedy was enacted near this city yesterday afternoon by which Charles Marks, engineer of the Electric Light Works, and Mary Ellen Roush were both fatally shot by her husband, Thomas Roush. Mrs. Roush is 19 years old and has been previously divorced from two husbands. A few days ago she applied for a divorce from Roush, whom she married five weeks ago. Marks is a young man of 28 years of age and has a wife and two children living here.

The shooting took place in the woods just west of the city. Roush had followed them, and his suspicions that his wife was untrue to him were confirmed. He shot them both before they were aware of his presence. Marks is now lying in his room in the city attended by the heart-broken wife. He will probably die. The woman is at a house near the scene of the shooting, in a pitiable condition. Both have made ante-mortem statements which accord with each other. Roush is still at large, with officers scouring the country in every direction.

Pennsylvania Railway Earnings.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., April 26.—General Manager Pugh of the Pennsylvania Railroad has issued his annual report, giving sixty pages of figures and necessary explanation. On the Pennsylvania division passenger travel increased nearly two million. The coal shipments were 18,948,633 tons in 1887, and 11,739,495 tons in 1886, an increase of 2,208,538 tons, or 18.91-100 per cent. There were 138 miles of single track added during the year by the building of new branch roads and the construction and extension of second, third and fourth tracks and sidings. There were 18,542 tons of steel rails and 1,608,196 cross-ties used for repairs, and 9,626 tons of steel rails and 339,653 cross-ties used in construction. The other divisions show changes in about the same ratio.

Wealthy Cattlemen Fight.

PEARSALL, TEX., April 26.—An old quarrel was renewed yesterday in the "Red Front" saloon between Frank Nolan and William Jordan, well known and wealthy cattle dealers. During the discussion Jordan secured a billiard cue and struck Nolan a murderous blow over the head. Although the skull was fractured and his eye blinded with blood, he caught Jordon as he fled and plunged a dirk into his back. The knife penetrated the kidneys, laying the flesh open in wide gashes. Both men fell to the floor insensible. No hope of the recovery of either is entertained.

Mr. Steinway Will Leave a Proxy.

ST. LOUIS, April 26.—Colonel J. H. Prather, committeeman for Missouri on the National Democratic Committee, has been informed by William Steinway of New York, who was elected at Washington in February to fill the place made vacant in the National Committee by the death of Hubert O. Thompson, that, having been unexpectedly called to go to Europe, he will not be in attendance at the National Convention. He states, however, that due notice of his appointment of a proxy will be given to the local committee.

The Kaiser Better.

BERLIN, April 26.—A bulletin issued this morning says: "The Emperor slept well last night. His fever is very slight, and his general condition begins to improve."

The Emperor rose at noon to-day and walked into the room adjoining his bedroom.

The Chicago Brick-Makers.

CHICAGO, ILL., April 26.—"There will be no brick-makers' strike," said a brick manufacturer yesterday. "The men are afraid of a reduction of wages, but no such reduction is contemplated. The brick manufacturers will do anything to prevent any interference with the building interests of the city."

The Illinois Miners.

MURPHYSBORO, ILL., April 26.—The miners mass-meeting at the Court House yesterday approved the committee resolution to offer to the mine superintendents to go back to work at half the reduction. The Superintendents refused to entertain the proposition of the committee.

Mr. Boutelle Renominated.

BANGOR, ME., April 26.—The Republicans of the Fourth Congressional District this morning nominated C. A. Boutelle for Congress by acclamation and Frederick A. Powers of Houlton and [illegible] B. Thatcher of Bangor delegates to the Chicago Convention. The [illegible] strongly indorse Blaine.

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OFFICIAL CHANGES.

Collector of Taxes Cook and District Auditor Tichenor Removed.

THEIR SUCCESSORS IN OFFICE

E. G. Davis to Succeed Mr. Cook and J. T. Petty to Take the Place of Mr. Tichenor.

At the Board meeting of the District Commissioners yesterday the following orders were passed removing the Collector of Taxes, John F. Cook, and the Auditor, I. S. Tichenor:

"Ordered: That John F. Cook is hereby removed from the office of Collector of Taxes in and for the District of Columbia, to take effect from and after the 30th instant, and that E. G. Davis is appointed to said office, to take effect on and after the 1st proximo.

"2. That Isaac S. Tichenor is hereby removed from the office of Auditor in and for the District of Columbia, to take effect from and after the 30th instant, and J. T. Petty is appointed to said office, to take effect on and after the 1st proximo."

In transmitting the notification of this action to Messrs. Cook and Tichenor the Commissioners stated that their action was not based on any considerations touching their personal or official integrity, but was taken solely for purposes of administrative expediency.

Mr. Davis called this morning and formally accepted the position. His bond will be in the sum of $100,000. Mr. Petty has already signified to the Commissioners in writing his acceptance of the position of auditor. His bond will be $20,000.

The salary of the Auditor is $3,000 per annum, and that of the Collector $4,000.

The Retiring Officials.

John F. Cook, the retiring Collector, has been in the District service about eighteen years. He served under the Territorial Government as Register and was appointed Collector of Taxes July 16, 1874, serving in that capacity through the successive changes in administration and personnel of the Commission Government. He is widely known in the District and among the colored citizens of the country and was considered a representative colored resident of the District. His brother, George F. T. Cook, is still Superintendent of Colored Public Schools.

I. S. Tichenor was appointed Auditor of the District December 11, 1882, having held the position a little over five years. He formerly held an important position in the Treasury, which he resigned to accept the position of Auditor.

The New Appointees.

Mr. E. G. Davis, appointed Collector of Taxes, is a prominent dry goods merchant and a man widely known and highly esteemed. He is a leading Democrat in the District and was strongly supported for the position of Recorder of Deeds. When seen by a CRITIC reporter this morning he said that he would accept the position. Regarding clerical changes, or the adoption of different methods in the administration of his office, he could say nothing until he had thoroughly examined the field of his future work.

J. T. Petty, the new Auditor, has been in the District service for nearly twenty years, filling the position of principal bookkeeper in the Auditor's office since 1875. He has been spoken of in connection with the position for some time. He has been a life-long Democrat, though having been originally appointed under Republican administration.

Mr. Petty's appointment has no political significance. He was an old-line Whig, but took no part in politics for a number of years. He is an ardent admirer of President Cleveland's administration.

Mr. Petty resides at 638 Virginia avenue southwest. He is a native of Falmouth, Va., and is 51 years of age. He has resided in the District nearly all of his life.

Mr. Petty's bondsmen will be Messrs. Jesse B. Wilson, C. B. Church and Ben. Chaffee.

The Changes Foreshadowed.

The changes in the offices which have just been made were foreshadowed in THE CRITIC some time since, when the supervisory control of them was transferred from Commissioner Webb to Commissioner Wheatley, but though expected, considerable stir was created about the District buildings by the announcement. So quiet had the matter been kept that only one or two of the employes of the Government were aware of the change until this morning.

Clerk Lemon of the Auditor's office in the Treasury Department called at the Collector's office to-day, and found no disagreement in the accounts of the two offices.

Collector Cook was seen by a CRITIC reporter to-day, and in response to a question as to whether he would go into any business after leaving his present office, said he would immediately look around for some employment. He said the report that he is wealthy is all a mistake.

How the Board Stood.

A CRITIC reporter asked Commissioner Webb how the vote of the Board stood, whether they were unanimous or not, and he replied that it was not proper to state what occurred in Board meeting. It has been learned that Mr. Webb was loth to make any removals.

The Comment Caused.

The action of the Commissioners in removing these officials has created considerable comment and speculation. It is believed by many to be a political stroke.

Mr. George Truesdell stated to a CRITIC reporter that, if this was the object, the Commissioners made a mistake by not waiting until after the elections.

What the Retiring Men Say.

Mr. John F. Cook simply said on this feature of the case that it is well known that there has been a heavy political pressure brought to bear on the Commissioners, "I am not complaining," said he; "the Commissioners have always treated me well."

Auditor Tichenor had nothing to say about the motives of the Commissioners. He accepted the situation gracefully, and had no fault to find. When spoken to on the political feature of the matter, he said it is well known that he is a Republican, but further he would not speak.

The Appointments Approved.

Delegate Lawrence Gardner, who is going to help nominate Mr. Cleveland at St. Louis next June, said: "Mr. Davis's appointment is very satisfactory. Everybody says so."

Editor Kalbfus of the *Sunday Herald* said, when asked what he thought of the appointment of Mr. Davis: "There couldn't have been a better one. Mr. Davis is just the right man."

Said Mr. Frank R. Ward: "E. G. Davis for Collector? A good man—an excellent selection."

Mr. John Boyle, member of the Central Committee from the Seventh District, said: "All District officers should be filled by residents of the District. Mr. Davis is a good District Democrat and that satisfies me."

Mr. M. W. Galt says: "I have known Mr. Davis for years and I think his appointment will be satisfactory to nine-tenths of the community."

Colonel Wm. Dickson says: "Mr. Davis is a merchant of high standing, of good business qualifications, a Democrat, a District man, and there is none better for the place. Besides all this he is a jolly good fellow."

Mr. James L. Norris, president of the Jackson Democratic Association, said he was delighted with the selection of Mr. Davis; that it was the best and wisest that could have been made, and will prove satisfactory to all classes of citizens; that the business standing of Mr. Davis throughout the District justified him in predicting that the affairs of the office would be conducted in an able and efficient manner and reflect credit upon the whole District Government.

The universal sentiment seemed to be that of congratulation at the selection of so good a man and, above all, of a District Democrat, and Mr. Petty's selection was looked upon no less favorably.

Commissioner Wheatley's Report.

The action of the Commissioners was based on the report of Commissioner Wheatley on the investigation recently made by him into the accounting methods used at the District offices. In his report, made public to-day, he says:

"Concerning the publication of the exhibit of taxes in arrears for the last fiscal year ended June 30, 1887, the account for which is now suspended by the First Comptroller of the Treasury, awaiting some satisfactory explanation from the Commissioners in regard to its numerous errors and general crudity of form, it is sufficient to invite your attention to the fact that among the requirements imposed by law upon the Collector devolves the duty of preparing annually for publication an exhibit of arrearages. The list in question, although printed at a cost to the District of Columbia of $1,835, is of little practical value or usefulness and appears to have been published without any intelligent supervision.

"With regard to certificates of taxes prepared by the Collector, there have been many complaints at times of unnecessary delay in issuing them, due to inconvenience and needless waste of time required to make a careful examination of the annual tax ledgers to remote dates. It is obvious that the consolidated record suggested will not only greatly facilitate the issuance of these certificates, but prevent the loss the District has sustained at times by taxes being omitted therefrom, and for which loss no one has been held accountable. The fixing of responsibility for such errors and consequent losses is recommended."

He goes on to say: "The duplicate book and coupon system in the Auditor's office is regarded as defective.

"In lieu of the present system the following plan is suggested: Tax bills should be prepared with coupon attachments, as at present. The Collector after stamping and receipting a tax bill should stamp, initial and detach the corresponding coupon, and transmit daily at the close of business all coupons, together with the usual summary statement of collections to the Auditor for comparison and verification. Monthly, quarterly, or at such stated periods as the Commissioners may determine, the Auditor should compare these coupons with the tax ledgers to ascertain the correctness of the posting from the Collector's cash books or to correct errors that appear.

THE DEMOCRATIC OUTLOOK.

How It Appears to a Member of the National Committee.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, April 26.—Postmaster W. W. Armstrong, the Ohio member of the Democratic National Committee, in a conversation with your correspondent last evening, said of the St. Louis Convention: "Oh, I don't anticipate any excitement over the selection of the candidates. I believe everybody now concedes that Cleveland will be renominated, and, as to the second place on the ticket, well, there won't be much of a fight over that. McDonald has been defeated and all obstacles to Gray have been removed. Some time ago I thought Governor Hill might give the President a little trouble, but from recent development I think it is safe to assume that the Governor will head the New York delegation for Cleveland."

"I presume Ohio is solid for Sherman, and that he will be the nominee of his party?"

"Well, hardly; Sherman stands well, is an able man, but has desire to be nominated will kill him off. The politicians know that the only name in the Republican party to arouse enthusiasm and carry the convention by storm is James G. Blaine, and you can depend on it Blaine will be renominated. Harrison of Indiana, in my opinion, will complete the Republican ticket."

Mr. Armstrong does not put any credence in the report that Congressman Scott of Pennsylvania will succeed Barnum as chairman of the National Committee, nor does he think the soldier element will go against Cleveland on account of the President's vetoes.

The Strikers Frightened.

GALESBURG, ILL., April 26.—The offer of positions by the Chicago, Santa Fe and California Railway to fifteen crews of the Burlington strikers here created a sensation among the strikers, who feared the impression the withdrawal of so many would make on their ranks. Chief Arthur promised to be here yesterday to advise the men not to accept the offer, but instead, sent Engineer Joe Porter, who was successful in his mission, the men agreeing to stand together to the end.