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GOVERNMENTAL GOSSIP.

Events of Interest In and About the Departments.

INDIAN SUPPLY CONTRACTS.

Callers at the White House—District Patents—General and Personal.

The President sent the following nomination to the Senate to-day:

Varnum M. Babcock of Wisconsin to be receiver of public moneys at St. Croix Falls, Wis.

District Patents Issued.—Wm. F. Lewis, bag-holder; Henry A. Seymour, system of electric locomotion.

The Swiss Minister's Departure.—Colonel Emil Frey, the Swiss Minister, is to present his letter of recall to the President this week before departing for Switzerland.

Bond Transactions To-day.—Offerings: Registered 4s, $2,154,000, 126½@127¾; coupon 4s, $11,000, 127¾; registered 4½s, $513,000, 107¼@107½. Accepted: Registered 4s, $2,154,000, 127¼@127¾; coupon 4s, $11,000, 127¾.

Germany's New Minister.—Count Arco-Valley, the new German Minister, was presented to the President to-day. He was accompanied by Secretary Bayard and Baron Zedtwitz, the Charge d'Affaires.

The President's Callers.—Among the President's callers to-day were Senators Ransom, Gibson, Plumb, Faulkner and Sawyer; Representative Outhwaite, with Mr. Albert B. Tuttle of Ohio; Breckinridge, Kentucky; Sayers, with Hon. C. Upson. Hon. J. H. McLeary, Miss Upson and Miss Callaghan of Texas; O'Donnell, with J. H. Pitcher of Michigan; Kilgore, with Dr. Reeves, T. M. Campbell and T. E. Clemmons of Texas; Ford of Michigan, Newton, Cox and Matson.

Indian Supply Contracts.—Captain Hassler and the other gentlemen of the Interior Department who have been in New York for some weeks past on official business have returned. Their object was the opening of the bids for Indian supplies for the ensuing fiscal year. This has been completed and the awards have been made. It is estimated that the entire amount to be expended will be something over $1,680,000. This, however, is a great deal lower than the contracts for last year, and it is thought fully $130,000 will be saved. The saving on the beef contract alone will be many thousands of dollars. The supplies include everything needed by the Indians and supplied by the Government. The opening of the bids was done by Captain Hassler and the gentlemen from the Indian Office here, together with the Board of Indian Commissioners.

DEPARTMENT PERSONALS.

Secretary Endicott has returned from West Point, and resumed his duties in the War Department.

W. T. Hopperton of the Interior Department leaves June 18 on a vacation trip.

Arthur Small of the Milligan Press Branch, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, has returned to his duties after an enjoyable vacation.

Thomas Torrey of the Treasury Department is in New York on official business.

Miss Felicita G. Lynch of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing returned yesterday from a pleasant trip out of the city.

J. E. Borland of the Printing Division, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, is back again from down the river.

James Banks returned to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing yesterday.

Miss Annie E. Bealle is back at her duties in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing after quite an extended leave.

Miss Caroline Riggs of the Agricultural Department is lying quite ill at her home in Georgetown.

Burton Hyde of the Fifth Auditor's office is away on leave.

Attorney-General Garland, who has been ill some time from rheumatism and consequent insomnia, is gradually growing better.

Dr. Zegarra, the new Peruvian, minister, arrived at the Arlington yesterday from Lima, accompanied by his child and Dr. Loredo and Oyaple y Soyer, his secretaries. He will call on the President to-morrow.

Commodore Schley has gone to Newport to award the Bailey gold medal to the apprentice on the training ship who has shown the most improvement during the year.

THE DISTRICT GOVERNMENT.

A number of citizens have petitioned the Commissioners that the opening of the schools be postponed until October.

The Columbia Street Railway has been ordered to remove its rails and other material from the parking on New York avenue.

Captain Symons has recommended a number of additional street lamps.

THE ARMY AND NAVY.

A general court-martial will meet at Fort Myer, Va., on Thursday morning. The court will be composed of Major Louis H. Carpenter, Fifth Cavalry; Captain Henry W. Lawton, Fourth Cavalry; Captain George S. Anderson, Sixth Cavalry; First Lieutenant Charles Humphrews, Third Artillery; Second Lieutenant Barrington K. West, Sixth Cavalry; Second Lieutenant Charles P. Elliott, Fourth Cavalry, and First Lieutenant William Baird, Sixth Cavalry, judge-advocate.

Not "Ostler Joe" Potter.

The report in the morning papers that Mr. James Brown Potter of New York had been arrested for blackmail and larceny, preferred by Burnham Rigby, does not apply to the James Brown Potter who is the husband of Mrs. J. B. P., the actress, so well known in Washington. The Potter referred to is an old fellow who was acting as Rigby's collector and who had charged Rigby with receiving visits at his studio from Mrs. Potter.

Mrs. James Brown Potter, the actress, was, however, sued in New York Saturday by Harry Miner for $3,812, money which Mr. M. had advanced to Mrs. Potter and had not been accounted for. Her contract with Miner expired Saturday night.

Shot in a Fight.

A party of colored men got into a "scrap" over a game of "5 up" in a poolroom kept by Steve Wall, at Eleventh and R streets, about 10 o'clock last night, and John Pollard shot Richard Barrett in the arm. Pollard was fined $20 in the Police Court this morning, and Barrett, who did his share of the fighting with a chair, was assessed a like sum.

Poorly Dressed.

Country Bride (in up-town hotel)—What's the matter with the lettuce, John?

Groom (who has deluged it with oil and sugar)—Suthin's wrong with the dinged vinegar.—[New York Sun.

MR. WHITNEY'S RETIREMENT.

His Real Reasons for Dissatisfaction With His Present Position.

Secretary Whitney will neither affirm nor deny the rumored report of his retirement from the Cabinet if Mr. Cleveland is re-elected in November. He does, however, emphatically deny that he is in ill-health, and states that had he any intention of leaving the Cabinet he would consider it his duty to inform the President before he did the newspapers.

Mr. Whitney has probably given the question of retirement some thought, but neither ill-health nor Mrs. Whitney's desire to leave the social atmosphere of the Capital has had anything to do with it. Several other matters of more vital interest to the navy itself have claimed his consideration, and judicious thought on these has probably caused him to look favorably on the question.

Mr. Whitney's hard-working and conscientious career as Secretary of the Navy has not been as easy as is generally supposed. When he assumed charge of the Navy Department a reform in the matter of accounts was instituted. Before that time each bureau had the power to draw on its own account for stores and other materials needed. Mr. Whitney decided to consolidate this system and issued an order directing that all requisitions should be made through the Pay Department. Doing away with this old practice did not meet with the approbation of the officers of the service and their failure to appreciate Mr. Whitney's efforts to reorganize the department on a better basis has caused him not a little annoyance and trouble.

The unity of the navy has been shattered somewhat by the quarrel between the line and the staff, and this, too, has added to his dissatisfaction. Several other minor matters, such as the slowness with which the manufacture of the guns for the new navy has been carried on, have tended to increase his annoyance, and in conversation he has not hesitated to express his opinion on the subject with great freedom.

GAINING GROUND.

General Sheridan's Newspaper Attendants Relax Their Vigils.

That General Sheridan is on the highway to convalescence is indicated by the fact that the newspaper men, who have continually haunted the corner near the General's house, have relaxed their vigils and now make only occasional calls at the house. Everything looks full of hope. The Secretary of War called on the General to-day and remained a short while. The following bulletins were issued by his physicians:

9 a. m.—General Sheridan passed a quiet night, but was disturbed a little after midnight by coughing. His general condition this morning is about the same; temperature being normal, pulse about 105, and respiration still irregular.

2 p. m.—There is no change in General Sheridan's condition.

3 p. m.—No change since the bulletin.

General Sheridan's Mother Dead.

A private dispatch announces the death of General Sheridan's mother at Somerset, Ohio, this afternoon.

THE NAVAL OBSERVATORY.

Bids Opened for the Erection of Its Nine New Buildings.

Bids for the construction of the nine buildings, to comprise the new Naval Observatory on Georgetown Heights, were opened to-day at the Navy Department. Of the ten bidders eight were Washingtonians. An appropriation of $400,000 is available for this purpose, out of which $65,000 will be used for the building of piers for telescopes and other instruments, leaving $335,000 for the contract.

The bidders were allowed to bid for buildings supplied by direct or indirect radiation. The following are the bids: McCarthy & Baldwin, direct radiation, $310,342, indirect $312,936, 2 years; Wm. Rothwell indirect $328,644, direct $324,628, 38 months; Thomas & Driscoll indirect $309,191.81, 30 months; Maine Granite and Improvement Company, Washington, indirect $331,940, direct $331,043, 20 months; Michael A. McGowan, indirect (modified) $338,864, direct (modified) $333,919, 2 years; Philip Walsh & Sons, Baltimore, indirect $331,092, direct $329,692, 2 years; P. H. McLaughlin & Co., indirect $294,900, direct $293,367, 18 months; F. H. Duehay indirect (modified) $330,517.81, direct (modified) $331,653.12, 30 months; A. G. Campbell, Winchester, Ind., indirect $299,000 and $303,000, 2 years; Bright & Humphrey indirect (modified) $339,264, direct (modified) $335,957.

Progress of the P. F. O. N. Party.

President Kilgore, Vice-President Guenther and the Cabinet of the P. F. O. N. party held a meeting Saturday afternoon at the Congressional Hotel. All the members of the Cabinet were present except Secretary of War O'Brien, and he was conspicuous by his absence. It was by inadvertence that Mr. O'Brien was appointed at the first meeting, and Saturday Attorney-General Hodges was directed to draw up the resignation of Secretary of War, which was accepted without a dissenting vote. On the recommendation of Secretary Durham, Colonel Fred Mussey, whose acquaintance with ex-President Jefferson Davis is well known, was appointed to fill the vacancy. Private Secretary Handy has notified Colonel Mussey of his appointment. The Colonel will dine the President, Vice-President and Cabinet at Welcker's on Wednesday night.

The Prince Sight-Seeing.

Prince Bonaparte called on the President yesterday and also made a tour of the city. To-day was also spent in sight-seeing and the handsome Prince will be received by Mrs. Cleveland at 5 o'clock this evening. He leaves for New York to-morrow and at once starts on an extended tour through the West, coming back through Canada and sailing for France on the 7th proximo.

Large Transfer of Land.

In the case of John W. Paine vs. Estella T. Paine et al., the report of George F. Appleby was filed to-day, showing the acceptance of the bid of Chas. G. Simons of $110,000 for the interests of the parties in "Petworth." A deed was recorded during the day by which George F. Appleby, as trustee, transfers to Simons for the above amount an undivided half of Petworth, known as the Taylor Farm, containing 204.32 acres.

Shopping in London.

In London it is delightful to go shopping, writes "Rose Columbine" to the Chicago *Tribune*. The shopkeeper comes almost to the carriage door to receive you with an humble bow. He speaks and acts as one thoroughly familiar with all society rules and requirements. I never fully realized what a power society can be in a city till I listened to a merchant in Oxford street describing a recent visit of a well-known duke and duchess to his store. Not a sentence without reference to "His Grace" or "Her Grace." Really it was delightful to listen to him. How far behind we as a nation are in this respect! I know large stores in New York and Chicago where the names of distinguished customers are treated with gross familiarity. The prefix "Mr." is even omitted in referring to them. We hear constant reference to Grover, Jay Gould, Phil. Armour, Bob. Ingersoll and Talmage. In London it would be His Excellency the President, Mr. Jay Gould, Mr. Armour, Colonel Ingersoll and the Rev. Dr. Talmage.

IN CONGRESS TO-DAY.

The Silver Question Raised in the Senate by Mr. Stewart.

THE NEW NATIONAL MUSEUM.

Two Hours Wasted in the House—The Tariff Bill Then Taken Up.

A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury was laid before the Senate to-day, transmitting estimates of appropriations for repairs at the Mint in Philadelphia, and the Custom House at New Orleans.

Mr. Chandler introduced a resolution to refer the credentials of Senator-elect Gibson to the Elections Committee with instructions to investigate if any frauds have been perpetrated in the election for Governor in Louisiana. The resolution was laid on the table to be called up later by Mr. Chandler upon notice to be given in advance.

A letter was received from the Commissioners transmitting an estimate of $90,903 for concreting E, F and G streets, from North Capitol to Fifth street. This amount includes the cost of grading, curbing and sidewalks. On F street 746 square yards are at the intersection of Massachusetts avenue and will cost $1,939.60. A like space is on E street, at the intersection of Massachusetts avenue.

Senator Morrill, from the Committee on Public Buildings, favorably reported an original bill appropriating $300,000 for a new building for the National Museum, to be built west of the Smithsonian Institution. The building is to be two stories and basement, on much the same plan as the present building. Bonds will be required of the contractors. The committee strongly recommends the passage of the bill. The report is accompanied by a letter from Professor Langley of the Museum, showing the necessity for the building.

Mr. Evarts reported from the Committee on Library an original bill appropriating $1,500 for a bust of the late Chief Justice Waite, to be placed in the Supreme Court room.

Mr. Stewart gave notice that he would move to suspend the rules when the Legislative Appropriation bill came up and offer an amendment providing for the purchase and coinage each month of silver bullion equal to the amount of National bank notes retired each month, and also for the compulsory coinage of $4,000,000 worth of bullion each month instead of $2,000,000, as at present.

Mr. Stewart's resolution calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for a list of bond purchases and names of the sellers came up and was discussed.

Messrs. George, Cockrell and Beck objected to calling for the names.

The resolution was passed over informally until to-morrow, and Mr. Cullom proceeded to address the Senate on his amendment to the Interstate Commerce law.

THE HOUSE.

The resolution of Mr. Taulbee, calling on the Attorney-General for a tabulated statement of the disallowed claims of Kentucky postmasters, on which a majority and minority report has been made, was taken up in the House to-day. Mr. Anderson of Illinois speaking in favor of the majority report, which is against the resolution, as involving great and useless expense, all the claims in question having been legally and justly disallowed.

Mr. Anderson of Mississippi followed in support of the minority, sustaining the resolution.

Mr. Bingham opposed the resolution, and Mr. Blount hoped the House would adopt the majority report.

After a discussion and wrangle continuing two hours and fifteen minutes the resolution was laid on the table.

The Frank-Glover contested election case from Missouri and the Lynch-Vandever case from California were disposed of by the adoption of resolutions declaring the sitting members entitled to their seats.

At 2:15 the House went into Committee of the Whole on the Tariff bill. The paragraph relating to flax not hackled or dressed was retained, and the reading of the bill was continued.

Mr. Kelley moved to strike out the paragraph placing hemp, manila and substitutes for hemp on the free list.

THE POSTOFFICE APPROPRIATION.

The Senate Committee on Appropriations has increased the Postoffice Appropriation bill by $1,549,000. One million dollars is appropriated to carry out the Eight-hour law with respect to letter-carriers, and $800,000 is appropriated for subsidies, the provision being substantially that advocated by Senator Frye last year. The House provision appropriating $50,000 to pay Postoffice clerks for unusual business is struck out, and the provision of $650,000 for rent, light and fuel for third-class offices is reduced to $450,000, with a proviso that there shall not be allowed for rent of any third-class office more than $300, nor more than $60 for fuel and lights in any one year, and that no contracts shall be made calling for the payment for either rent, light or fuel beyond the end of the next fiscal year.

THE PRINTING INVESTIGATION.

Chairman Richardson placed Public Printer Benedict on the stand this morning, and an animated discussion ensued at once between the witness and Mr. Gallinger on the point of giving the names of persons discharged for cause and the nature of the cause. Mr. Benedict said he had no objection to giving the reasons why certain persons were dismissed, or the names, if the committee pressed him for them.

This proving satisfactory, the witness went on to say that the discharges questioned were made for good and sufficient cause. One dismissed employe was a married man who kept a women to the neglect of his wife and family. The Public Printer appointed the man's wife to a position in the office, so she could support herself and children. Another was discharged for insulting ladies employed in the folding-room; others frequently came to the office in a drunken condition and failed to do their work; some were very incompetent and were recommended for dismissal by their foremen. A few had mutilated the records of the office, and said to him that he could not run the office without them.

Mr. Benedict denied that any employe in the office had, to his knowledge, interceded with Republican Senators in the interest of his confirmation. He submitted a statement showing that there are 511 employes protected by the soldier clause, while the Grand Army could only furnish him with the names of 293.

A NEW FISH STATION.

The House to-day received from the Fish Commission an estimate for an appropriation of $13,000 for the establishment and maintenance of a fish culture station in the Ozark region, Southwestern Missouri.

THE SUNDRY CIVIL BILL.

The Sub-Committee of the House Appropriations Committee has had the Sundry Civil bill under consideration for most of the day, and it is thought the bill will be ready to report to the full committee the latter part of the week.

U. S. ATTORNEYS' FEES.

Acting Attorney-General Maury has sent to the House Committee on Appropriations a suggestion that of the proposed appropriation of $250,000 for the fees of U. S. attorneys, $240,000 be applied to services of those covered by their salaries and fees, and $10,000 to those for unofficial services, not covered by salary or fees; also that, of the proposed appropriation of $150,000 for assistant attorneys, $110,000 should be appropriated for regular assistants and $40,000 for special assistants.

SENATOR KENNA'S COMMITTEE.

Senator Kenna, of West Virginia, as chairman of the Executive Committee of the Democratic Congressional Committee, has called a meeting for this evening for the purpose of discussing the general political situation and preliminary arrangements for the campaign.

THE FISHERIES TREATY.

In the Senate yesterday afternoon, upon motion of Mr. Sherman, by unanimous consent it was agreed to postpone further consideration of the Fisheries Treaty until June 25.

THE WILTBERGER CLAIM.

Mr. Teller proposed an amendment to-day to the bill for the allowance of claims for supplies taken during the war, providing for the payment of $3,581 to John B. Wiltberger of the District.

PATUXENT RIVER LIGHT.

The Secretary of the Treasury to-day sent to the House a recommendation from the Light-House Board for the establishment of a light-house near Cedar Point, Chesapeake Bay, at the mouth of Patuxent River, Md., to cost $25,000.

CAPITOL NOTES.

Leaves of absence have been granted to Representatives Davidson of Florida and Stockdale of Mississippi.

Congressman Cummings of New York has returned from St. Louis. He is mentioned as the probable successor of Mayor Hewitt.

Representative Townshend of Illinois of the West Point Board of Visitors has returned and was in his seat to-day.

General Daniel B. Sickles was a visitor on the floor of the House to-day.

The Agricultural Appropriation bill was reported in the Senate this afternoon.

Senator Ingalls has returned and presided in the Senate to-day.

FIRST BLOOD FOR CLEVELAND

Ex-Congressman Jack Adams Gets Licked for Abusing the President.

The New York *Star* of to-day reports a fight between ex-Congressman Jack Adams and Ensign Fuller, the Courtlandt-Street Railway director, in the Hoffman House bar Saturday night. A party, including the warriors, Congressman Bingham and several New Yorkers, were discussing Mr. Cleveland, of whom Mr. Adams, as is well known, is not enamoured, while Mr. Fuller is a firm believer in him. Adams was rubbing it in pretty thick and Fuller was taking it good-naturedly, but the crowd was getting hot, when Fuller offered to bet a dollar that Cleveland would be re-elected. Adams offered to bet $10 to every one Fuller put up, whereupon Fuller said, "You talk like a child, Jack," and started out. Adams followed him to the sidewalk and struck him tap on the hat, which Fuller returned by a slap that sent Jack to grass, or rather to pavement. Jack was on his feet at once, and the two men went at it tooth and toe-nail. One of the waiters thus narrates the battle scene:

"Talk of a fight! It was about the funniest I ever saw. First they pranced and danced around each other like a couple of circus horses, and then they rushed into each other's arms, embracing like two turtle doves, and had a wild sort of waltz round and round the pavement, till Adams went down with Fuller atop of him. When they got up, Adams jumped in, but Fuller stopped him with a left hander, and sent him to the ground. This he repeated four or five times. Then we got between them and put an end to it. As to the quarrel, Adams brought it on, and kept it going first and last, and deserved all he got."

It is understood that after the war was over the bloody chasm was bridged and there will be no revival of sectional differences, both men considering the matter as definitely and permanently settled, with first blood for the Cleveland side.

THE CIPRIANI CASE.

It Has Not Been Formally Presented to the State Department.

It appears that Leonetti Cipriani, the young Baltimorean, about whose detention abroad a question is pending, is at Bastia, in the island of Corsica, and under surveillance of the French and not the Italian authorities. He is not in prison, nor has he been impressed; but in Bastia, as in other French towns or French possessions, the police regulations are very strict as applied to foreigners.

Mr. J. Fenner Lee, Chief Clerk of the State Department, says: The case of Mr. Cipriana involves a very delicate question of international law. The United States holds that a child born of American parents on a foreign soil is an American citizen. The case of Cipriani hinges on his ability to show that after arriving at the age of 21 years he voted, and in all other ways enjoyed in full the privileges accorded a citizen of this country. I know of my own knowledge that he did so. However, it all depends upon the merits of the case as presented by his attorney what the nature of the action of the State Department will be. Nothing can be said until the case is formally presented.

A HEROIC ACT.

William Galway Rescues a Woman and is Killed.

William Galway, an old man of seventy years, was walking with his wife near the B. and P. Railroad tracks at Sixteenth and L streets southeast last evening and had just crossed the track as an incoming train rounded the curve.

A woman, named Spith, started to cross before the train, and when in the middle of the track became frightened and screamed. Mr. Galway immediately started to her assistance, and though he got the woman out of danger he was unable to get off from the track before the train struck him, killing him instantly.

The remains were put on the train and taken to the Sixth-street depot and then to the brave old gentleman's former home, at 915 Eighth street southeast.

One of Mr. Galway's sons, Robert, is a down-town policeman, as is also a son-in-law, John Kinny. The coroner will hold an inquest to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock at Mr. Galway's late home.

Another Jockey Killed.

Elphin (formerly El Mahdi), belonging to Mr. McDermott of this city, fell at one of the hurdles at Jerome Park, yesterday, and young Pope, his rider, was fatally injured by being thrown and trampled upon by the horses that followed. Mr. McDermott had promised Pope the horse and $500 if he won the race. Pope met with an accident on Elphin this spring at Ivy City.

PERSONAL MENTION.

—REGISTERED IN NEW YORK last evening: Senator Butler and family at the Sturtevant; General Anson G. McCook and Congressman Whiting of Massachusetts at the Fifth Avenue, and E. Bluhdorn of the Austrian Legation at the Albemarle.

Dropped Dead on the Street.

William Carter, an aged colored man, dropped dead at Fourteenth and B streets northeast this morning. The remains were taken in charge by an undertaker.

TORTURED BY THIEVES.

An Old Man's Feet Blistered to Compel Him to Hand Over.

PITTSBURG, PA., June 12.—An atrocious outrage is reported from Fairchance, about two miles from Uniontown. Samuel Humbert, an old resident of Fairchance, was assaulted by masked men at his residence at midnight Saturday, and subjected to tortures to make him disclose where his money was secreted. At that hour Humbert, who lives alone, was aroused by a knock at the door. In response to his inquiries as to who was there the men outside asked for a drink of water.

When the old man opened the door to comply with the request he was seized and gagged. The ruffians then searched the house, but failed to find anything of value, whereupon they commanded their captive to surrender his money and valuables. He insisted that he had no money. The two fiends then built a fire in the grate, and drawing the old man up to it, roasted his feet until they were blistered and shockingly burned. Still the old man protested that he had no money, and implored them to release him. They threatened to set the house on fire if he did not confess.

After turning everything in the house upside down and ripping up the carpet in their search for money, they bound the old man hand and foot and departed. Humbert, after a struggle, freed himself and gave the alarm. His neighbors quickly gathered and organized a search party to hunt the rascals down. The fugitives were tracked a considerable distance, and have, it is said, been located. The community is greatly excited over the outrage, and if the perpetrators are found the chances are that they will be treated to a dose of Western justice.

TOWNS UNDER WATER.

Unprecedented Rising of Minnesota Rivers.

DULUTH, MINN., June 12.—The St. Louis River, as the result of heavy storms the latter part of last week, has overflowed its banks and is higher than it has been known to be for over twenty years. It was at its greatest height yesterday and has not yet begun to fail. At Cloquet part of the town built on an island is completely submerged and the water has nearly covered the houses, driving out all the inhabitants. The upper booms of the Knife Falls Boom Company have been broken, and at this writing there is danger that the whole boom will break, letting 25,000,000 feet of logs loose.

Telegrams were received here yesterday by officials and others, asking that precautions be taken to secure them. At Thomson, twenty miles from here, a large and substantial bridge was carried away yesterday, and above Duluth, this side of Fond du Lac, the river has spread over miles of territory, making a perfect lake. The St. Paul and Duluth Railroad tracks for nearly ten miles are submerged and numerous dwellings along the river are in the same condition. The water in the Dalles is said to have almost the force of Niagara. At Duluth the waters of St. Louis and Superior bays have risen two feet.

HE WILL ACCEPT.

Mr. Depew Says That He Is In the Race.

NEW YORK, June 12.—Mr. C. M. Depew denies that he has written a letter saying that he would decline the Presidential nomination if tendered him. If his party nominates him he will accept.

The Sailing of the Squadron.

ANNAPOLIS, June 12.—The North Atlantic squadron will sail from here on Wednesday. To what port is unknown. The trend of the fleet is northward as the hot weather comes. The United States practice ship, Commander P. F. Harrington, is expected to sail from here with the naval cadets on their usual summer cruise between the 15th and 17th instants. The first, third and fourth classes of cadets are now aboard the Constellation, and all is hurry in preparation for the cruise. The second class of naval cadets will remain during the greater part of the summer at the Naval Academy, when they will be given a brief leave before the school reopens—October 1.

A Brutal Husband.

GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, June 12.—At Sunset, near here, on Sunday, Dr. Wiley, a physician, stripped his wife of all her clothing and beat her unmercifully. She escaped from him and ran through the streets in an entirely nude condition. The doctor pursued her, firing at her from his revolver, but failed to hit her. She sought refuge in a neighbor's house, where the doctor, in attempting to enter, was disarmed and handed over to the officers. He was taken to the Montague jail to prevent lynching by the infuriated citizens. Mrs. Wiley, who is an estimable lady, will die from the effects of the beating and kicks.

The Boom for Alger.

CHICAGO, ILL., June 12.—The *Herald* this morning says: "Gen. Alger's friends have hired Battery D's armory to provide sleeping accommodations for the Michigan Republicans who propose to come to Chicago and yell for Alger. As Alger is the old soldiers' candidate the proposition is that they live like soldiers."

ST. LOUIS, MO., June 12.—Chauncey I. Filley, who controls a number of votes in the Missouri delegation to Chicago, will leave for Chicago Wednesday for the purpose of looking over the ground, and will return Friday. He is said to be a recent convert to the Alger boom.

Ex-Senator Platt and other distinguished politicians held a conference at Chamberlin's last night in the interest of Alger, but nothing was settled.

Senator Chace Re-elected.

NEWPORT, R. I., June 12.—In the General Assembly this morning, Jonathan A. Chace was re-elected U. S. Senator by a majority of both houses.

Political Points.

Colonel Abner Taylor was nominated by the Republicans of the First Illinois district, last evening, to succeed Mr. Dunham, their present Representative in Congress. The district is for Gresham.

After a recess of two weeks the conferees of the Twenty-fourth Congressional district of Pennsylvania reconvened today for the purpose of selecting a Republican nominee.

Senator Ingalls is credited with the design of capturing the eighteen Kansas delegates at Chicago for himself, as a candidate for the Vice-Presidency, in case Depew does not win first place.

The Maine Republican Convention is in session to-day at Portland, with Acting Governor Marble, State Treasurer Burleigh and ex-Attorney-Cleaves as candidates for the Governorship.

THE COURT RECORD.

CRIMINAL COURT—Justice Montgomery.—Addison Day, bawdy house; motion in arrest of judgment denied. A. J., Henning, housebreaking; motion in arrest of judgment granted. Charles Basenbrock, violating building regulations; nolle pros. Abraham Harper, assault to kill; plea guilty of simple assault accepted. Isaiah Price, petit larceny, second offense; placed on trial.

EQUITY COURT—Justice Cox.—Jackson vs. Walker; auditor's report confirmed and distribution ordered. Hill vs. Ker, and Paine vs. Paine; sale finally ratified and distribution ordered. Howell vs. Muir; sale ratified, nisi. Rose vs. Cumberland; auditor's report confirmed.

CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION 1—Justice Hagner.—Ferguson vs. Acker; placed on trial.

CIRCUIT COURT, Division 2—Justice Merrick.—Crown vs. B. and P. R. R. Co.; placed on trial.

A NEWSPAPER'S HISTORY

The Rise and Career of the "National Republican."

MR. CLEPHANE'S REMINISCENCES.

An Account of Some of the Early Struggles.

The *National Republican*, which went out of existence yesterday, was the oldest daily in Washington, excepting the *Star*. The first number of the paper was issued on November 26, 1860, and the owners were Lewis Clephane, William J. Murtaugh, Martin Buell and Wm. Blanchard. Lewis Clephane retired in 1861, when he became City Postmaster. He sold his interest to Ward H. Lamon and Harris P. Hanscom. Subsequently Mr. Murtaugh purchased the interests of the others and he become sole proprietor in 1869. The paper again changed hands in 1878, when Mr. A. M. Clapp purchased it from Mr. Murtaugh. In 1880 Thomas J. Brady, then Second Assistant Postmaster-General, purchased the controlling interest in the paper. He sold it in 1882 to a New York syndicate, who were friends of President Arthur. Subsequently Mr. W. E. Chandler became owner. In 1887 it was again sold out to a company, of which Mr. E. W. Fox became manager.

The editorial and reportorial staffs of the journal embraced some of the brightest newspaper men in the profession. The first editorial writer was George M. Weston, afterward librarian of the Senate. He was assisted by J. R. S. Van Vleet, J. R. Dodge, J. H. Wilkinson, the latter two reporting the Senate and House and writing editorials relating to their respective bailiwicks. Frank Henry and R. G. Green were city editors. Among the subsequent editors and editorial writers were Simon Hanscom, W. L. Garrison, Harry R. Tracy, Ed. Brooks, R. D. Peck, J. C. Proctor, John P. Foley, Harry O'Connor, T. B. Connery, subsequently managing editor of the New York *Herald*; Oscar K. Harris, A. B. Talcott, night editor; Philip Julian and J. Y. Potts, city editors; A. M. Soteldo, S. A. Dupree, A. M. Clapp, Harry P. Godwin, city editor, now on the *Star*; N. Davidson, associate editor; Hallet Kilbourn, manager; Frank B. Conger, treasurer; George C. Gorham, editor; Clarence M. Barton, Dr. Frank Howe, city editor; Frank Hatton, Clinton Snowden, G. Jamison, city editor; A. B. Cunningham, now of Baltimore *Herald*; Wm. Tatem, dramatic editor; Frank Howe, managing editor; H. De Witt, city editor; E. W. Fox, managing editor, and James Y. Potts, city editor. Among the old reporters were H. A. Preston, Arthur Shepherd, John Dunn, Jimmy Williams, W. S. Larner.

Three veteran printers, John Griffin, John Law and John Nelson, who were on the paper when it started, were at their cases when they received notice of the discontinuance of its publication.

The *Republican* has occupied the worst and also the best newspaper offices in Washington. It was started on the site of the Tremont House, and subsequently occupied an old building on the west side of Ninth street, between Pennsylvania avenue and D street. Then the old brick building on the site of the present *Post* building sheltered it. It was next domiciled in the magnificent building built for it at the southwest corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Thirteenth street, and from there it was moved into the *Post* building.

Mr. Lewis Clephane, one of the founders of the paper, when seen by a CRITIC reporter spoke as follows of the early trials and struggles of the paper:

"On the night of the election returns of the Lincoln campaign the office was mobbed by a crowd calling themselves the National Volunteers, who had gathered in force on Pennsylvania avenue and marched to the office, then in the Tremont House, and with loud threats and curses, and cries of burn down the building, smashed all the windows, and seizing the rams 'piled' them, and wrecked the office completely. We had a very up-hill job," said Mr. Clephane, "and the paper was never self-sustaining, and we had to go down into our pockets to pay the expenses.

"When we started out we inserted a number of free ads. in the paper of some of the leading merchants in the town, which brought down a storm of indignation on our heads, and letters from them demanding that the advertisements be taken out at once, as they did not propose to advertise in a d—d abolition paper."

When the paper was christened the *Republican* the choice of the name was greatly opposed by Salmon P. Chase, who declared that no paper should be named after the party it represented, as it would never succeed.

Jay Gould's Health.

NEW YORK, June 12.—Mrs. Jay Gould has received a letter from Dr. Munn who is with Mr. Gould on his Southwestern tour. The Doctor says that Mr. Gould's health has improved since he left New York, the neuralgia having left him, and his digestion has improved. Mr. Gould arrived at Memphis last evening, and will leave to-day for a trip over the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia Railroad. There is no truth in the statement that his proposed inspecting tour has been abandoned on account of his ill health.

Complaint About Fellows.

NEW YORK, June 12.—It is asserted that the Judges of the Court of General Sessions of this city are greatly annoyed at the apparent neglect of duty on the part of District Attorney Fellows, who is now absent from the city. It is stated that the business of the District Attorney's office is left to young and inexperienced assistants, and that the county is not properly represented in the courts when important cases are on trial.

Chairman Jones Leaves.

PITTSBURG, June 12.—Chairman B. F. Jones of the Republican National Committee leaves this city for Chicago tomorrow evening. "There is a meeting of the committee called for Thursday at the Pacific Hotel," said Mr. Jones this morning, "but what it is for I have no idea. Mr. Jones refused to discuss the situation, but said that there was nothing in the Blaine reports.

Another Gusher Struck.

NEW YORK, June 12.—A special to the *World* from Findlay, Ohio, says: "C. C. Harris drilled into an oil well on the Snyder Farm in Henry township, which filled an 800 barrel tank in three hours, at which rate the well will produce 6,400 barrels per day, making it the largest oil well yet discovered in any field."

Shot by His Son.

BALTIMORE, MD., June 12.—Peter Alt, proprietor of the Arlington House, near the Pimlico race track, was shot dead last night by his son William, aged 15 years.

The Kaiser Weaker.

BERLIN, June 12.—The Emperor experiences increased difficulty in swallowing. The taking of nourishment is becoming difficult. The patient is weaker this morning.

Punishment for Kissing.

HARRISBURG, PA., June 12.—Albert Miller was yesterday sentenced to two months' imprisonment for kissing his sweetheart on the street.

GRESHAM'S BOOM.

His Candidacy in Indiana Progressing Satisfactorily.

CHICAGO, June 12.—A *Tribune* special from Wabash, Ind., says: "Judge Gresham's candidacy is progressing splendidly in Indiana, and intelligent Republicans who are observing the trend of public opinion do not hesitate to say that Gresham is gathering great strength. Gresham is popular with the labor element here. A well-known Knight of Labor said that Gresham would get the vote of the knights almost solidly if nominated. 'We are for him because he is the poor man's friend as opposed to monopolies,' said the gentleman, who added that the knights all over the State are for Gresham.

"W. G. Sayre, one of the Harrison leaders, is committed to the candidacy of General Harrison, but if Harrison were not a candidate Mr. Sayre would unfurl the Gresham banner; and if Gresham proves to be the nominee, Sayre will be found actively in the fight working for the election of the Judge. In the event of Gresham's nomination there will be no soreheads among the Indiana Republicans. All will feel that their State has been honored as never before, and the campaign will be one of wild enthusiasm from the start. There can be no question about Gresham's ability to carry his own State."

A SENSATION CREATED.

A Southern Writer Prates of His Disloyalty.

NEW YORK, June 12.—A special from Richmond, Va., to the *Tribune*, says: An article entitled "Southern Loyalty," published in the *Critic* here to-day, written by C. McArthur, an ex-Confederate soldier, has created a great sensation. The writer says that the Southern white people, except editors and politicians, who expect to make something by pleading loyalty to the United States Government, are opposed to the system of government they now tolerate, and also despise the public free school system of Virginia and will do so as long as there are so many negroes to educate. The extension of the right of suffrage to the negroes is heartily condemned.

The Typos in Session.

KANSAS CITY, June 12.—The Thirty-sixth Annual Convention of the International Typographical Union began its session yesterday morning at the Board of Trade Hall. William Amison, the International president, presided. Mayor Kumpf made a speech of welcome to the visiting delegates. A welcome was also given by Mr. Kennedy in behalf of the Kansas City Pressmen's Union. After appointing the Committee on Credentials the president declared the session adjourned until this afternoon. This is the Committee on Credentials: Delegates Lawler, of Columbus; Colbert, of Chicago; Blake, of Washington; Leighly, of Pittsburg, and Mehan, of Boston. As the Committee on Credentials had not finished its work another recess was taken until half-past eight, when the committee made its report and the convention went into executive session.

Funeral of Dr. Clarke.

BOSTON, June 12.—The funeral of Rev. James Freeman Clarke, D. D., took place yesterday afternoon from the Church of the Disciples. The church was filled. Seats in front of the pulpit were reserved for representatives of the Boston Association of Ministers, trustees of the Public Library, Massachusetts Historical Society, Board of Overseers of Harvard and members of the class of 1829 of Harvard, with which Mr. Clarke was graduated. The front pews in the body of the church was occupied by the widow, her son and two daughters. Immediate friends were in the adjoining pews. The decorations and display of flowers was very tasteful. Rev. A. P. Peabody conducted the services. He was assisted by Rev. S. J. May. The interment was in the family lot at Forest Hill Cemetery. Only members of the family were present at this final act.

Not Sold to Mormons.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, June 12.—The dispatch