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ARE THE WALLS SOUND?

The Examination of the Aqueduct Tunnel Continued.

WHAT A "CRITIC" REPORTER FOUND.

Testimony of Former Workmen Regarding the Methods Employed.

Lieut. Townsend's work in the big tunnel to-day was similar to that done yesterday in the portion east of the Champlain avenue shaft.

He was early at work, and had with him, beside the reporters, three gangs of workmen. At 500 feet west of the Rock Creek shaft, down which he went, in the portion of the tunnel supposed to have been inspected by Mr. McNamara, his men began knocking bricks out of the arch.

This portion of the tunnel was originally explored east when the holes that were drilled through the top of the arch revealed loose stones, the so-called dry packing, instead of the cemented masonry called for in the specifications. What he did to-day was to knock out the bricks from a strip a couple of feet wide, extending across the tunnel from one side to the other. This was done for the purpose of exposing a cross section of the tunnel lining clear from the floor to the roof of natural rock overhead.

This was done in two places, and the big holes disclosed a mass of imabled rock, loosely thrown in and without cement.

Holes were also drilled through the side of the brick arch farther west but disclosed apparently solid masonry; what seemed to be at this point honest work.

At this point the tunnel slants towards the shaft so that tram-cars that have been hauled to the heading full of cement have only to be started on the return trip to the shaft and they run down themselves. They flashed by the place when the work was being done at a rattling gait and warning was given of their approach by the negro driver, who clung to the back end of the car and tried to imitate a steam whistle.

His musical toot, toot, was a signal for a general scramble to get out of the way, and a short distance behind the car the mule that drew it up would jog along with a little miner's lamp in his bridle.

It is dangerous work, knocking out these bricks that are all that hold the loose masses of rock over the arch in place, and it progressed but slowly.

Lieut. Townsend is inclined to discredit the possibility of the fraudulent construction of the tunnel costing the Government any money. He thinks the contractors are bound to make all the work good, and that but a portion of the tunnel lining is defective.

It is suggested that the portions of the work where, like that opened this morning, the space between the arch and the line rock that forms the roof of the tunnel is filled with uncemented dry packing, cement can be pumped in with a force pump until the spaces between the pieces of rock are completely filled, and the result will be as durable as the masonry called for by the specifications.

This work, which would have to be done in but a portion of the tunnel, would not cost a great deal, either of time or money, and the contractors would have to pay for it. Where there is no packing at all, places like O'Brien's cave and Lucas's cave, near the Champlain avenue shaft could be filled up with masonry.

The facts are that the Government is sufficiently in the contractors' debt to insure their finishing the work as the specifications call for its being done.

No money has yet been paid them for last month's work. This will amount to some $28,000 or $30,000. Besides this, there is the ten per cent. drawback on the work already done, which amounts to about $10,000, and some $15,000 is still due for work under the old contract—in all about $50,000.

It is hardly probable that the contractors are going to imperil all this money due them by refusing to make good whatever fraudulent work there has been or may be discovered. So that any talk of abandoning the present tunnel entirely would seem to be insane.

The right of way for a surface conduit would probably cost more than it would to tear out all the lining there is in the tunnel and build it all over again.

After the workmen finished their midday meal work on the tunnel was recommenced. The work of cutting away a segment of the arch was commenced in two other places where the drill had showed the presence of loose stone packing.

As the holes through the brickwork were cut out larger the stones above were seen to show traces of cement, not enough to be even a pretense of masonry, but here and there a stone would have a handful of yellow cement on one side as if put there by accident.

As the holes were enlarged the danger of the big rocks over the arch being loosened and crashing down on the workmen increased, and the work went more slowly.

No new holes were made this afternoon, those made this morning having shown comparatively good work.

Maj. Lydecker did not go into the tunnel until this afternoon, when he joined Lieut. Townsend at the Rock Creek shaft.

How the Workmen Down the Champlain Avenue Shaft Work.

It was understood there was to be an investigation of the tunnel from the Champlain avenue shaft, by Maj. Lydecker to-day, but up to noon no one had appeared. A Critic reporter attired in a rubber coat and wearing tall rubber boots descended the shaft about 11 o'clock. It is an uncanny feeling when one steps off the elevator at the bottom of the shaft for the first time.

A pumping engine at the foot of the shaft sends a hollow boom echoing through the dark tunnel, the sides and roof of which are barely and dimly visible, by the smoky flare of the hat lamps worn by the laborers. Water is trickling down the shaft and splatters in the pools on the ground. Holding the little lamp above his head and gazing into the yawning darkness beyond the reporter plodded along eastward.

An occasional car, drawn by a diminutive mule, came thundering along over the tramway, the driver, a lolly darkey, singing as though he cared nothing for the gloom or the wet. At intervals the holes made in the roof of the tunnel by Lieut. Townsend and the investigators were passed. About a quarter of a mile from the shaft, men were at work on the brick tunnelling. As fast as a section of arch was completed the mortar and cement was handed up to fill in the space between the brick work and the natural rock roof of the excavation. This work is being done under Messrs. Brennan and Palmer.

The inspector upon this section, Mr. Woodward, a keen-eyed young man, sat on a cross-beam under the rock roof and narrowly watched every trowelfull of lining laid in. The work goes on rapidly, and seems to be receiving careful inspection.

Returning through the slush and darkness to the shaft, a half dozen begrimed laborers, with smoking lamps were walking, and slowly the car ascended to the top, the light of day being most welcome.

A Probability That More Dishonest Work Will be Found.

While Lieut. Townsend is engaged in pecking holes through the roof of the aqueduct tunnel, it might be well for him to occasionally drive a drill into the walls. The Critic has been informed that not only the roof of the tunnel has been neglected, but that it will be found that the side walls have been given as little attention in many places. Of course where the tunnel was cut out of compact rock of a good quality the walls of the tunnel are sound, but as was the case a number of times, the explosives made deep and irregular recesses and the masonry effectually hid these caverns from view.

Workmen who have been employed on the tunnel, say that good honest work was done at first. The laborers were paid fair wages, but after a time they were cut down so that they were forced to seek work elsewhere and their places were filled by Italians at a dollar a day.

To say that the bricklayers should know anything about the way the packing was done is sheer nonsense, when one takes into consideration the fact that the packing was done behind them, as they advanced along the tunnel.

The reason why these frauds were not made public by the men who worked there, was because it meant the loss of a means of livelihood to them, and as one of these puts it, "no notice would have been taken of me, and I would have been kicked out had I said anything. Nothing but the newspapers could reach these people."

It is probable that the frauds discovered so far in the work are but a scratch upon the surface. A Critic reporter, who has talked with a number of the workmen formerly employed on the tunnel, says that there are dozens of such caverns as "Lucas' Cave," scattered all through the tunnel. When these cavities were caused by the explosives, no attempt was made to fill them up. Where they tapered down to within two or three feet above the arch buttresses they were given the appearance of solidity by closing up the entrance. The workmen say that for hundreds of feet at a time no packing of any kind was used. If the inspectors deny that they knew of frauds being perpetrated, the workingmen say they should have known it by the amount of work reported as accomplished, that it was an impossibility to do it in the number hours they were employed.

Action to be Taken.

The Deficiency bill will be reported to the Senate to-day, with the following clause authorizing an investigation of the aqueduct building frauds. All work heretofore performed upon the Washington aqueduct tunnel, together with the provisions of any contract made for the same, or any portion thereof, shall forthwith be fully investigated by a joint select committee of six members, of whom three shall be members of the Senate, to be appointed by the President of the Senate, and three shall be members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker. Said committee shall have authority to employ a clerk and stenographer and such experts as it may deem necessary for the investigation; it may sit during the sessions of Congress or in recess, and shall have full power, either in full committee or sub-committee, to administer oaths and send for persons and papers, and to conduct its investigations either in Washington or in such places as may be deemed necessary; it shall make full report of its proceedings and the conclusions arrived at, with such recommendations as it may deem proper, to Congress on or before January 1, 1889; and for these purposes the sum of $5,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, to be disbursed on vouchers approved by said committee.

RESTING ON THEIR ARMS.

Hostile Senators In Friendly Converse Under a Flag of Truce.

After the stormy scenes that have been enacted in the Senate during the past few weeks it was hardly to be expected that such an interesting and affectionate tableau should be presented by several of the participants as really occured to-day.

The genial Senator Eustis of Louisiana, who is esteemed by all his colleagues irrespective of political opinion, made his appearance in the Senate to-day after quite an absence. He was at once surrounded by friends eager to greet him.

Among the first was Senator Coke, who took a seat on his left; then Senator Chandler placed himself in a graceful position on the right, while Senator Spooner was content to stand just in front, leaning lightly on a desk. The scene was complete: Senator Eustis, from Louisiana; Senator Chandler, who wants to have the last election in that State thoroughly investigated, and who resented the idea that he wanted "somebody to kick him," as was intimated by Mr. Coke in the course of a speech on the resolution the other day, and Mr. Spooner, who has been engaged in warm debate with the Texas Senator on the matter of outrages in that State. It was a picture for an artist, and was further touched off by the fact that all were engaged in earnest and, from their facial expressions, pleasant conversation.

Yesterday afternoon, after throwing rocks at each other for some time, Senators Plumb and Berry were seen walking around the chamber, the former with his arm thrown affectionately over the latter's shoulders.

All that is required now to complete this series of scenes is a friendly meeting between the "animated lightning rod" of the Senate and the "Tall Sycamore," whose wordy war is yet alive in the minds of all.

THE DISTRICT GOVERNMENT.

C. L. Holbrook has asked the Commissioners to furnish an estimate of the cost of laying sewers on several streets in "Trinidad." He states that the property owners are willing to pay the assessment for such improvements.

Maj. Raymond has approved the recommendation to extend the alley in square 211.

Jas. Reynolds was the lowest bidder for constructing a 4 x 6 feet sewer 82 feet in length on New Jersey avenue extended.

Building permits have been granted to Chas. Trunnel to erect 2 dwellings, 3324, 3326 R street, $1,350; W. H. Brewer, dwelling, 3211 O street, $1,200; Thos. O'Connor, stable rear of Union street, s. w., $300; Geo. Truesdell, frame dwelling at Eckington, $4,000; Richard Rothwell, dwelling 303 Twelfth street, s. e., $1,000; J. W. Swanison, dwelling 209 Maryland avenue n. e., $5,000.

Manlove, Allcott, Fryer & Co., of Nottingham, England, have written the Commissioners on the disposition of garbage. The method in use there is combustion.

O. Z. Muncaster, of Georgetown, has complained to the Commissioners that the Dent Iron Works violated the Sunday ordinance last Sabbath by working on that day.

B. F. Farnsworth has complained that the assessment under the permit system for paving the alley running north and south, between Q and Corcoran streets, and Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, is inequitable and should be changed.

Dr. J. L. Magruder, dean of the Medical Department of the Georgetown University, has submitted a letter to the Commissioners claiming that, as this department is an integral portion of the university, it is entitled to exemption from taxes.

Mary O'Neill has complained that Thos. Dougherty, at 414 Ninth street, has violated the building regulations by building a stable within thirty feet of her house.

No Reception to Thurman.

A reporter of The Critic who interviewed Mr. Lawrence Gardner, president of the Columbia Club this morning, to ascertain whether a reception would be tendered Judge Thurman when he arrives here next week, was informed by that gentleman that he knew of no such demonstration being contemplated, and he thought that as Judge Thurman came here on purely legal matters, he would not favor a demonstration of any kind.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Wm. N. Helm of this city and Miss Mary A. Beeler, daughter of Louis A. Beeler, general agent of the B. and O. Railroad at Locust Point, were married in Baltimore last evening. Only the immediate friends of the parties were present.

Baron Zedtwitz, the former secretary of the German Legation, will stop at Lenox this week as th guest of Count Arco. He will afterward go to Mexico, where he will be the representative of the German Government.

Miss Ivy Hayes, daughter of Captain Hayes Fifth Cavalry, United States Army, arrived in Richmond yesterday from North Carolina, where she has been attending boarding-school, and will be the guest of Governor Lee.

Senator Gorman spent most of yesterday in Baltimore, and left to-day for New York.

Registered in New York yesterday: Baron von Zedtwitz, the German Minister to Mexico, at the Albemarle; J. C. Bancroft Davis at the Brevoort, and Senator Cameron and ex-Minister Curry at the Fifth Avenue.

Permission has been granted by Adjutant-General Howard of Maryland to the Seventh Battalion, District of Columbia National Guards, to visit Baltimore with arms October 4.

The Countess Esterhazy returned to the city yesterday from Deer Park.

Mrs. Gouverneur and her daughter, Miss Maude, have returned from Frederick, Md.

Mrs. General Paul and her daughters, Miss Marmion and Miss Genevieve, have returned to the Clarendon from their summer at Oakland.

The Misses Fleuride and Emma Hunt and their niece, Miss Cornelia Hunt, have returned from Oakland.

Mrs. General Crook has gone to the Glenham Hotel, New York, where she will remain some weeks before joining her husband in Chicago.

Mrs. General Graham, who has been at Oakland, has returned to town.

Cards are out announcing the wedding of Mr. Douglass Dyrenforth, the well-known patent attorney, and Miss Best of Chicago in hat city October 10.

A party, consisting of Mrs. Kate Chase, Miss Ethel Chase Sprague, Miss French, Mrs. Gwyn Tompkins, Messrs. J. D. Brown, Gresham, Hosmer, Tompkins and Dr. M. Muncaster, went to Mount Vernon yesterday on horseback, excepting Mrs. Chase, who drove. An elegant lunch was sent down by the Corcoran. The day was beautiful, the roads excellent and the trip was a glittering success.

Miss Scannel, daughter of Colonel Bert. Scannel, manager for the Armour beef concern in this city, arrived on Sunday last, weight eleven pounds. Friends of the happy manager can contract for beef at their own prices for a few days.

Hon. Hugh Wallace of Salt Lake City and contiguous territory is in the city en route to New York. Mr. Wallace will be remembered as the youngest Presidential appointee under the present Administration, as receiver at Salt Lake, which place he subsequently resigned.

Hon. Nicholas M. Bell and bride are expected to reach here to-morrow and will occupy quarters at 4 Iowa Circle.

Hon. Wm. Warren of Missouri is a brother-in-law of T. B. Bullene of Kansas City, who is the Republican nominee to succeed Mr. Warner in Congress. His opponent is John Tarsney.

Senator Stanford is expected to sail from Liverpool for New York on Saturday.

Miss E. L. Sylvester, daughter of Mr. R. H. Sylvester, has gone to New York to engage in her art work in that city permanently.

Mr. C. C. Leffter, proprietor of the Langham, is recovering from a serious illness.

SUBURBAN IMPROVEMENTS.

A Petition for the Extension of North Capitol Street.

A petition signed by C. W. Dobbins, Ed. F. Beale, George Truesdell, E. K. Johnson, Thomas E. Waggaman and others has been filed with the Commissioners for the extension of North Capitol street from Boundary street to Michigan avenue at the Soldiers' Home grounds. This is the extension that passes through the German or Prospect Hill Cemetery, about which the investigation was held by Congress. The extension is 6,000 feet in length, and the right of way has been donated 1,500 feet northward from Boundary street and 2,200 feet southward from the Soldiers' Home.

A recent act of Congress gives the Commissioners the right to negotiate with the cemetery people for right of way through the cemetery, and there is about 900 feet to be condemned belonging to Mrs. Barbour.

Maj. Kirby's Usual Luck.

Maj. Thomas Kirby, Col. Fergus Ferris, Adjt. Gen. Charles Hayes, Deacon Ed. Hood and Col. Dick Bright, all newspaper men except the last-named gentleman, went on a fishing expedition up to Point of Rocks Saturday night. The catch was not very large owing to the want of bait. As usual Maj. Kirby enjoyed his Cleveland luck, and brought back with him twenty-seven large black bass, averaging four pounds apiece. The other members of the party became disgusted at their inability to land the finny beauties, and hey enjoyed themselves betting on the bites the Major would get.

Last night Maj. Kirby invited his fishing comrades and a few friends down to the Twelfth street wharf, where he treated them to a fish and oyster supper.

Death of Collector Roberts.

Mr. Joseph K. Roberts, collector of internal revenue of this District, died at his home at Upper Marlboro', Prince George's County, last night, after an illness of two weeks. While his death was quite sudden, it was not unexpected by his family and physician, the immediate cause being bilious dysentery. He had not been at his office in this city for over two weeks. Mr. Roberts was a native of Prince George's, and about 48 years of age.

The Potomacs' Regatta.

In the Potomac Club Regatta yesterday afternoon the course was from the Free Bridge to a point opposite the boat-house. Lindgren defeated Selden and Doyle in the singles. A dead heat resulted in the race between fours composed of Oblin, Selden, Norton and Mendeleff and one consisting of Wooten, Lewis, Doyle and Oertel. An untrained eight defeated a green four.

St. Joseph's Fair.

St. Joseph's Church fair was opened last night at the National Rifles' Armory by Cardinal Gibbons. The following are the booths: St. Joseph booth, sodality booth (refreshments), choir booth, package booth, Sunday-school booth (fancy articles), art booth, flowers.

Another Tennis Tournament.

The Capital Tennis Club will hold its first annual tournament in first and second class singles and doubles at their courts at Fifteenth and U streets northwest this afternoon at 4:30 p. m.

Will Become Baron Sackville.

Mortimer Sackville-West, the first Baron Sackville, is dead. He was 68 years old. Sir Lionel Sackville-West, the British Minister in this city, will succeed to the title.

A Slight Fire.

A fire was discovered early this morning in the store of William H. Killman, at Sixth and B streets northwest. The damage of about $100 was fully covered by insurance.

Citizens' Committee Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Citizens' Representative Committee of One Hundred for the election of officers will be held at Grand Army Hall this evening.

Marriage Licenses.

James Fletcher and Emma Collins; William Proctor and Lucy Johnson; Joseph Letournau, Annapolis, Md., and Fannie M. Turner.

John Harrington's Will.

The will of John Harrington filed to-day leaves all his property to his wife, Mary Harrington.

IN CONGRESS TO-DAY.

Action of the Senate on Mr. Call's Yellow Fever Resolution.

EARLY ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE.

Objections to Paying Capitol Employes an Extra Month's Pay.

Owing to the lack of a quorum no action was taken in the Senate yesterday afternoon on the bill forfeiting certain land grants of the Northern Pacific Railroad.

Mr. Harris called up the bill increasing the police force of the District. As amended it now provides for a force of eleven lieutenants, thirty sergeants, three hundred and forty-five privates, nineteen station clerks, nine laborers and thirty-five mounted men. Provision is made that fifteen of the privates to be appointed shall be of class 1 and forty-five of class two. The amendment providing for the purchase of a lot and the erection and furnishing of a stationhouse in the northeast section was stricken out, after which final action on the bill was postponed until to-day.

In the Senate to-day Mr. Chandler presented a resolution directing the District Committee to inquire into the occupation by a private party of a Government reservation at the intersection of Fourteenth street and Massachusetts avenue; how much was occupied and by what legal authority, and, if found necessary, to present proper legislation in the premises.

This grows out of the residence erected at that point by Mrs. Cole.

Mr. Spooner wanted the resolution directed to the District Commissioners, but further consideration was checked by Mr. Sherman, who objected on the ground that the matter was a private one and the subject of controversy between the Commissioners and the party referred to. The resolution then went over until to-morrow.

Mr. Call's resolution in relation to the introduction of contagious or infectious diseases on the coast and through the ports of the United States, was taken up and Mr. Call delivered a most interesting clinical lecture on yellow fever, supporting his various views by letters from prominent physicians and newspapers on the subject. The most important statement was that contained in a letter from Dr. Wm. Smith, of New York, to the effect that yellow fever could be combated successfully by an animal virus that is safe and harmless.

The resolution after debate was referred despite the objection of Mr. Call to the Committee on Epidemic Diseases.

The joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to permit Henry Lecomte, of Switzerland, to receive instruction at the Military Academy at West Point without expense to the United States was passed. Mr. Lecomte's father was a distinguished soldier in the late war.

The conference report on the General Deficiency bill was presented to the Senate this afternoon.

HOUSE.

On motion of Mr. Turner, Mr. McCreary, of Kentucky, was chosen Speaker pro tem. to act during the absence of Speaker Carlisle.

Not more than thirty members were in their seats when the House was called to order.

Messrs. Hires, Lehlbach, Anderson, of Iowa; Williams, Patton, Hayes, Wise and Browne, of Indiana, were granted leaves of absence to-day.

Mr. McRae of Arkansas called up the Senate bill to allow persons who have abandoned or relinquished their homestead entries to make other entries, and after being amended in several particulars the bill was passed.

Mr. Burnes presented the conference report on the Senate joint resolution appropriating $100,000 for the relief of the yellow-fever sufferers.

Mr. Kilgore said he would not antagonize the resolution but he would make the point of order that the amendment of the Senate was not in order.

Mr. Burnes and Mr. Dougherty both maintained that the conference report was in order. The point of order was overruled.

Mr. Dougherty thanked the House for the liberal manner in which they had dealt with the yellow-fever sufferers, and the report was adopted.

Mr. Milliken offered a joint resolution directing the clerk of the House and the secretary of the Senate, to pay to the clerks employed one month's extra pay.

Mr. Burnes moved to include the Capitol police. Mr. Payson facetiously remarked that it would be a good idea to include all the Government servants. He said he never had since his entrance into Congress voted for such a resolution and he wouldn't do it now. He would not place any obstruction in the way of the resolution, but made a very strong argument against it.

Mr. Lawler replied to the strictures of Mr. Payson. He said the cost of living here and the cost of living in a small country town was different, and it took nearly all the salary paid the House employes to meet their expenses, and he was in favor of paying the hardest worked employes of the Government an extra month's salary.

Mr. Kerr opposed the resolution. He said the salary grab act more than anything else helps to displace the Republican party in the House.

Mr. Sowden wanted Mr. Milliken to give the House the amount involved in the resolution.

Mr. Milliken said about $40,000.

Mr. Sowden said $40,000 was a large sum, and he could ask the House to pause. It was time to call a halt.

During the debate the doorkeeper came in and listened attentively to the friends and opponents of the resolution.

Mr. Milliken replied to Mr. Payson, and, after speaking in favor of the resolution, moved the previous question.

Mr. Breckinridge, of Kentucky, cut that off by making a motion to adjourn, and the House adjourned at 1:55.

The Senate Tariff Bill.

The minority report on the Tariff bill that has been prepared by Senator Beck was submitted to the Finance Committee to-day. The Senator has requested that, if not used as a minority report, it be presented to the Senate as his own. The bill will not be reported to-day.

A Possible Recess.

Talk of a recess of both houses to enable members to participate in the campaign has been revived to-day, and it does not seem unlikely from the present appearance of affairs, that such a recess will be taken from Oct. 25, until Nov. 15. This opinion is generally prevalent on the Senate side of the Capitol.

The Sundry Civil Bill.

The Sundry Civil Appropriation bill has been signed by the presiding officers of both houses of Congress, and is now ready for transmission to the President.

Suit Over an Award.

M. L. Woods and John C. Fay with Shellabarger and Wilson as counsel have filed a bill in equity against Perry Dickinson, asking the court to declare that they have a lien on a certain draft, and for the appointment of a receiver to pay them an attorney's fee of $24,048, out of the proceeds. The money on which the fee is claimed is the award by the court of claims of $96,142. An appropriation was made, and stated that the defendant now refuses to pay the plaintiff's $24,048 attorney's fees. Judge Jamee issued a temporary restraining order returnable on the 13th.

ANOTHER FINE DAY.

Pleasant Weather Again Blesses the Land of Flowers.

Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 2.—This morning opens with a continuance of the same lovely weather that we have had for the past week. The doctors feel its influence, and report great improvement among their patients.

Much sorrow is manifested over the death of Cashier N. N. Baker, and the banks will close in consequence. Mr. Baker was a native of Apalachicola, Fla., where his mother still resides. In early life he was engaged in mercantile pursuits in Tallahassee, but upon the election of the late Henry A. Lingle to State Treasurership, in 1880, he was at once called to the chief clerkship in that office, and there continued throughout the administration of Governor Bloxham.

He proved a most efficient and valuable assistant to Treasurer Lingle and as with exception of that officer probably had a better knowledge of the finances of Florida, both past and present, than any other man in the State. Upon the retirement of the Bloxham administration in 1885 Jacksonville capitalists organized the State Bank of Florida. Mr. Baker being called to the position of cashier, he earned the confidence and esteem of the entire business community and made friends innumerable. He was a favorite socially and at the same time gained the highest reputation as a man of unimpeachable integrity and correct business habits.

The cool weather yesterday proved a melancholy disappointment and seemed to aggravate the virulence of the fever. Ninety-nine new cases and ten deaths were reported, although the mercury the night before fell nearly to the frost line.

Up to last evening there had been a total of 2,725 cases and 264 deaths.

Contributions to date amount to $236,867, of which there remains unexpended, $162,389, and from this time on receipts may be expected to decrease.

A TERRIBLE STORM.

Reports of Great Destruction on the Lakes.

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 2.—A special to the News from Port Sanilac, Michigan, says: There has been a terrible storm raging here since early last evening. At 7 o'clock last night the life-saving crew from Sand Beach started out and at 11 p. m. they rescued a crew of 6 men and one woman from the Barge St. Clair. They were seen nearing this place at 7 o'clock this morning, and everything was made ready for their help. As the boat passed the end of the dock the captain rounded her up, to come up to the dock. Just as he did so, a high breaker struck the boat, turning her completely over. Every one expected her to right again, but she failed to do so.

The entire crew belonging to the lifeboat reached shore, towing two of the rescued crew with them. The remainder four men and one woman, were drowned near the shore. The names of the lost are Capt. C. H. Jones, of Bay City, Mich.; Henry Anderson, of Australia; George McFarlane, of Cleveland; Lorus Ferlaw, of Bay City; Julia Greawreath, of Sebewaying, Mich., cook.

The names of the two rescued are Maurice McKenna, of Bay City, and John Rose, of Detroit. The bodies of the drowned have not yet been recovered.

A special from Holland, Mich., says: The schooner Austria, which went ashore yesterday, broke in two last night and is a total loss, with no insurance. She was loaded with cedar posts for Chicago, and sprung a leak in the heavy sea, became water-logged and was driven ashore here by the heavy winds. The tow-barge discovered by the life-saving crew yesterday is the R. N. Rice, of Michigan City, which was abandoned by the steamer Huron City. She is ashore just north of the harbor here, loaded with 600,000 feet of lumber.

The schooners Ida Jane, Fleetwing, Libby Carter, Wonder and Blue Wave are here for shelter. The wind is abating this morning.

A special from Alpena, Mich., says: The life-saving crew has just come in for men and tugs to go out to Thunder Bay Island and assist the barges Manitowoc, Gardner, Clarke, Jones and Dan Rogers. All became water-logged last night. The Garden City has gone to help them. The barges named were in tow of the steam barge Benton, which is not in sight anywhere, and it is feared she has foundered.

The Fayette Brown and a dozen others are in here for shelter, but their names cannot yet be learned. The wind is in the northwest and blowing hard. Last night was a terror.

The New Persian Minister.

Hodji Hassin Ghooly Khan, the Persian Minister to the United States, arrived in Washington last night, from New York, and is at the Richmond. He is accompanied by W. W. Torrence, his secretary, and a retinue of two native Persians, namely, Mirza Mahmoud Khan and Abdul Ali Khan. Ghooly Khan is a handsome man of good physique. The Persians had suffered severely from seasickness on their way over and had been seen very little by their fellow-passengers. Only occasionally, and in the latter part of the voyage, had the Persian Minister appeared on deck.

Nominations Confirmed.

The Senate has confirmed the following nominations: Charles E. Boyle, of Uniontown, Pa., to be Chief-Justice of Washington Territory; Lambert Tree, of Illinois, to be Minister to Russia. Secretaries of Legation—Charles K. Holliday, Venezuela; Howard Martin, China; Henry L. Vilas, Argentine Republic, and Henry R. Whitehouse, Mexico. Professor George Davidson, of California, to be a member of the Mississippi River Commission, and John G. Parkhurst, of Michigan, to be Minister to Belgium.

Forced to Reinstate Ferrell.

In special terms to-day Judge Hagner ordered a writ of mandamus to issue compelling The Colored Catholic Male Benevolent Society to reinstate James M. Ferrell as a member. Ferrell had been expelled for refusing to turn over $24, collected by him. He claimed that they owed him $3, and offered them $21, but they refused to take it, and he was expelled.

AT THE HOTELS.

Dr. N. L. Bates, U. S. N., is at the Ebbitt.

Dr. and Mrs. Bushee, of Chicago, are at the Riggs.

Capt. David A. Hall, of the U. S. Revenue Marine, is at the Ebbitt.

Jules Cassard and wife, of New Orleans, are at the Ebbitt on their wedding tour.

Capt. D. D. Gaillard, U. S. A., and wife, and Lieut. W. S. Scems, U. S. A., are at the Ebbitt.

C. C. Eggart, of Phila.; W. J. Chapman and wife, of N. O., and J. M. Rice, of Chicago, are at Willard's.

R. H. Winn, of Ky.; E. A. Fisk and wife, of Santa Fe, New Mexico, and M. J. Meyer, of New York, are at the National.

Chas. A. Siddall, of Atlanta, Georgia; Virgil Powers, of Macon, Georgia, and J. E. Kemp, of Louisville, are at the Metropolitan.

A. W. Blow and wife, of San Francisco, Cal.; W. Dalewell, of Pittsburg, and W. H. Taylor, of Stamford, Conn, are at Woerdley's.

James M. Marshall, of Chicago; Peter P. Mahoney, of Brooklyn; Geo. A. Lyon, of Portsmouth, N. H., and W. Summers, of London, are at the Arlington.

Congressman Enloe of the Eighth Tennessee district was renominated yesterday.

Salvation Oil, the great pain cure, is sold by druggists and dealers in medicine at 25 cts.

TROUBLE OVER PROPERTY.

Daniel Falvey Denies His Daughter's Claim of Ownership.

The answer of the defendant in the suit of Bridget Falvey against her father, Daniel Falvey, was filed to-day. She asked for the conveyance to her by her father of sublot 69 and part of 79 square 677, alleging that the property had been bought with her money, earned in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, that although it was in her father's name, he simply held it in trust for her.

He denies that she paid for the lots and says that every line of her statement that he held it in trust for her is a pure fabrication. He states that he bought the property nearly twenty years ago when she was but 10 or 11 years old, although the deed was not made until later because the grantee was not then of age. She did not obtain employment in the Bureau until she was about 18 years old, and never asserted any claim to the property until recently. He has allowed her to conduct a store in her house and to receive the rent of the adjoining building.

In response to her charges that he has become addicted to liquor and is likely to squander the property, he says that he has been a moderate drinker all his life. He has had nine children, six of whom are now living, and during over thirty years of married life provided well for his family, his occupation being that of a stone mason. He says that she would not have dared to bring this action during her mother's life. He says in his bill that, after having lived an exemplary life and when his wife is no longer here to cheer and comfort him, to be assailed by his oldest child with charges of drunkenness and imbecility and a dastardly feeling upon its part to convey his property to strangers in order to cheat his children of an honest support when he is gone, is draining the cup of bitterness to the last degree of ingratitude.

He states that he is treated like a dog by those very children who seek to get his title to the property; that when he goes home none of them speak to him, that he is allowanced in his diet and has to eat his meals when the family have all retired from the table; that they give him a small, dirty room to sleep in, in which he has to crawl when night comes on unbidden by a single welcome. He avers that should the court grant their application he would be turned out of doors to starve without a shelter or a home. He asks for a dismissal of their bill. I. Parker Jordan appears as his counsel.

A Call-Chandler Episode.

Senator Call is always zealous in behalf of his constituents and his voice can always be heard in that direction. To-day in his speech in support of his yellow fever resolution he rather intimated that the Committee on Epidemic Diseases had been derelict in their duty.

This aroused the sympathies of Mr. Chandler, who declared that it was not right to make such charges and that the death rate of the present epidemic was increased as much by the lengthy speeches of the Florida Senator as it was by any action of the committee.

"The Senator from New Hampshire is fond of fighting wind mills," retorted Mr. Call, and noticing the broad smile that spread over the chamber, hurriedly added, "in Don Quixote style." Having made use of one of those expressions which one had rather not made use of he continued his remarks, while his colleagues enjoyed the matter hugely.

Clark Held for Pocket Picking.

James Clark was tried in the Police Court to-day on the charge of larceny from the person in taking a pocket-book from Mrs. Barbara Seroggins on Aug. 18th, in the center market. Mrs. Slaughter stated that she saw him take the pocket-book dropping it just as he lifted it from Mrs. Seroggins's pocket. She picked it up as he stooped for it and returned it to Mrs. Seroggins. Clark is known to the police. Detective Mahon stated that numerous reports of robberies had been made, and it usually happened that Clark was in the vicinity. He was held for the grand jury, bond being fixed at $500.

Two Funerals Yesterday.

The funeral service over the remains of Mrs. S. L. Holzman, who died last Friday, took place yesterday at her residence, 920 R street. Rev. Father Walter, of St. Patrick's Church, officiating. A delegation of nuns from the different convents in the city assisted in the obsequies. The interment was in the Congressional Cemetery. Messrs. Stevens, White, Lathrop, Mills, Burr and Kirkwood were the pall bearers.

The funeral of Mrs. Kate L. R. Larner took place yesterday afternoon at her late residence, 1744 K street. Rev. T. S. Wynkoop, of the Western Presbyterian Church, and Rev. W. S. Miller, of Gurley Chapel, conducted the services. The interment was at Oak Hill.

Numerous Robberies Reported.

The following robberies have been reported to the police: Clothing from S. Osborn, Falls Church, Va.; $131 from Enoch S. Fowler 2826 Pa. ave., n. w.; jewelry and $31 from Jno. W. Stockton, 8 Grant Place; opera glasses from Herman Wolf 917 17th st., n. w.; overcoat made in Paris, from C. E. Schmidt, at Metropolitan Hotel; baby carriage from Mrs. Eugene McSweeny, 7th and Sumner sts.; $14.50, from E. Brooks, 732 3rd st., n. w.; basket containing clothing from Mrs. Mary Wheeler, 1220 6th st.; diamond pin, from George H. Sewell, 20 McCullough st.

Sioux Chieftians Coming.

The members of the Sioux Indian Commission, who are now in Chicago, say that the Indians want the Government to purchase their reservation land outright at fifty cents an acre. The chieftians will come to Washington this week to consult with the National authorities.

The Republican League Sued.

A. T. Johnston has sued the Republican National League for a stationery account of $317.

Political Points.

Congressmen Stockdale of Mississippi and Washington of Tennessee addressed a Democratic out-door meeting yesterday at Charlottesville, Va.

Boston women to the number of 25,149, over half of whom are Catholics, have signified their desire to vote at the coming school elections.

The Prohibitionists of the First Massachusetts district have nominated William Miller for Congress.

Samuel Greenwood is the Democratic candidate for Congress in the Sixth Pennsylvania district, now represented by Mr. Darlington.

Hon. Roger Q. Mills of the Ninth Texas district was renominated by acclamation at Corsicana yesterday. He has already been in Congress eight terms.

It is now thought that Mr. Blaine will make but two speeches in Indiana, his services being more greatly needed in Connecticut and New Jersey.

Henry Smith, present Member of Congress from the Fourth Wisconsin district, and Labor candidate for re-election, has been indorsed by the Democrats of that district.

Mr. Wilkinson of the First Louisiana district was renominated by acclamation on Saturday last.

The Democrats of the Sixth Massachusetts district met at Medford Saturday and nominated Frank W. Jones of Lynn for Congress.

S. W. McKinley, colored, is the Republican candidate for Congress in the First South Carolina district.

The Democrats of the Cleveland, (Ohio) district have nominated Thomas L. Johnson, a prominent street railroad man, for Congress.

James S. Biery has received the Republican nomination for Congress in the Ninth Pennsylvania district.

General Mahone has issued a circular addressed to the voters of the Fourth Virginia district calling upon them to support Judge R. W. Arnold, of Sussex, as the regular Republican nominee for Congress as against Mr. Langston, "the candidate of a mass-meeting composed of mulsed Republicans."

Charles E. Marks of Plymouth is the candidate of the State Labor party for Governor of Massachusetts.

A straw vote taken on the B. and O. train arriving here from the West at 5 o'clock yesterday, resulted as follows: Harrison, 47; Cleveland, 22; Blaine, 2.

Judge Belva A. Lockwood leaves to-day for Trenton, N. J., to address the Interstate Fair at that place. She will go thence to Allegan, Mich., to speak October 5.

GOVERNMENTAL GOSSIP.

Events of Interest In and About the Departments.

INDICTMENTS FOR PENSION FRAUDS.

The Watervliet Ordnance Board—Bond Transactions—General and Personal.

Bonds were accepted yesterday as follows: Registered 4s, $50,000, 120; registered 4 1-2s, $355,000, 108; $4,000, 107 1-4 and $200, 107.

To-day's offerings were registered 4s, $403,000, 129 1-4 to 130; coupon 4s, $185,000, 129 1-2 to 130; registered 4 1-2s, $240,000, 108; coupon 4 1-2s, $10,000, 108.

An order was issued by the War Department yesterday detailing Col. James M. Whittemore, Lieut. Col. Francis H. Parker, Capt. Charles Shaler, Capt. Charles C. Morrison and First Lieut. William B. Gordon as a board of ordnance officers to prepare plans and specifications for the gun foundry to be erected at the Watervliet Arsenal, New York.

The Commissioner of Pensions is advised that the United States grand jury at Buffalo, New York, on the 26th ult. returned indictments against Theresa J. Honton, now Tobey, and against her husband Preston A. Tobey, for perjury in her pension claim. At the same time, they returned indictments against Joseph Carne, for making a false and fraudulent claim for pension; and against Horace