

THE WEEKLY UNION.

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NEWS OF THE MORNING.

In New York yesterday Government bonds were quoted at 105 1/2 for 4 1/2 of 1907; 105 for 5 of 1911; 103 1/2 for 4 1/2 of 1917; 103 1/2 for 5 of 1917; 103 1/2 for 5 of 1917.

San Francisco half dollars are quoted at par; trade dollars, 90 buying, 90 selling; Mexican dollars, 90 buying, 90 selling.

As an assessment of 10 cents per share has been levied by the North Bents Ice Mining Company; also one of 25 cents by the McClure.

At the Dalles, Or., Thursday, Charles Denton fired two shots at his brother Thomas, neither taking effect.

The death of Lieutenant-Governor Chandler, of Kansas, is announced.

A steamer from Europe brought to New York yesterday \$200,000 in gold.

The foundation of the East Boston lighthouse, Sandy Hook, is said to be washing away.

Edward Whitley, Conservative, was elected to Parliament at Liverpool yesterday by a majority of 2,227 over Lord Ramsey, Liberal.

Senator Lamar has nearly recovered from his recent severe illness.

Additional particulars of the late hurricane on the Philippine Islands are at hand.

The German budget places the amount of revenue and expenditures this year at \$4,882,783 marks.

A PRO-CHINESE PETITION. That was a curious petition which we printed yesterday in our legislative report.

The rejection of the President's nomination of John M. Morton for Collector of San Francisco has been foredoomed for several weeks.

Men cannot be trusted without checks and balances, and centralization destroys and discards these guarantees.

THE PROGRESS OF GOVERNMENTAL CENTRALIZATION.

An article in the current issue of the Atlantic Monthly, on the "Strong Government Idea," may be cited as an evidence of the progress already made even among more or less cultivated men towards approval of that centralizing tendency which is the most serious movement of the times.

The demand for a stronger central government carries with it no disposition to surrender individual rights.

The citizen believes that the central power is "a more effective agency to protect his rights and work out beneficial results to him than the State can possibly be."

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STATE RECEPTION.

A BRILLIANT GATHERING OF CITIZENS OF CALIFORNIA.

First Public Reception Given by Governor and Mrs. George C. Perkins.

At the Agricultural Pavilion last evening Governor George C. Perkins and wife gave their first public reception.

The tables were four in number, each 80 feet, and the collation was served from 11 A. M. until 2 o'clock this morning.

The substantial and delicacies provided consisted in the main of roast turkey and jelly, roast chicken a la creole, boiled ham ornamented, boiled smoked tongue, chicken salad, variety of assorted relishes, wine jellies, boscuits, ice cream in variety, orange ice, fruits in full variety.

The chief pieces being a Temple of Liberty three feet six inches in height, the dome being upheld by six columns resting upon a base consisting of a dome supported by six pillars upon an ornamental base resting on rock work.

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