

NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Hearings Before the Silver Committee to Close on Friday.

THE SENATE PASSES THE COPPER-BILL.

The Revenue Department Investigating the Alleged Mistake Made in the Tables Relating to the Percent of Alcohol to be Used in the Fortification of Sweet Wines.

Special to the Record-Union.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Francis Newlands to-day resumed his statement before the House Coinage Committee in advocacy of the free coinage of silver.

Williams of Illinois moved the hearings close with to-day's session.

Tracy of New York, as a substitute, moved the hearings cease at 12 o'clock Friday, and he adopted the suggestions of the other members that a vote should be taken at 1 o'clock Friday on reporting the bill.

Williams said he would vote for the proposition of Tracy under protest, because he could not help himself.

Warner of Ohio called attention to the charge that the advocates of free coinage were not willing to be questioned, and stated that he was willing to answer any inquiries which might be made.

Walker asked if he was not the head of the National Silver Executive Committee, and when Warner responded in the affirmative Walker inquired how much money had been expended to promote silver legislation.

Newlands interrupted with the remark that he had given a statement of the expenditures to the Silver Pool Investigating Committee.

Warner declared that he represented no party, and said he had been advocating the cause of silver ever since he had learned of its demoralization.

Walker several times pressed Warner as to his knowledge of the existence of any gold pool or bank pool.

Warner's response was in effect that he had no knowledge, except that which was in the public press, of any such pool.

The committee adopted a resolution to close the hearing at noon Friday, and to vote on the silver bill at 1 o'clock on that day.

MARKET PRICE OF SILVER.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Acting Secretary of the Treasury, Nettleton, in answer to a Senate resolution, says the basis on which he estimates the market price of silver is the daily quotations of silver in London, New York and San Francisco.

Mr. Nettleton further states that no silver bullion has been purchased by the Government outside of the States, but undoubtedly large quantities of foreign silver bullion have been purchased in purchases to the Government, made from parties residing in the United States.

FORTIFICATION OF SWEET WINES.

The Revenue Department Investigating Alleged Wrongs.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Mason, has received a letter to-day from Professor Higgard, chemist at the California State University, concerning the mistake the Professor claims to have discovered in the department tables relating to the fortification of sweet wines.

The letter gives more fully information relating to the mistakes he claims to have discovered in compounding the weight and volume in giving the percent of alcohol to be used in fortifying wines.

It is understood that the letter contained the chemistry formula on the subject, which has caused a ripple in the chemical department.

Mason being advised if he had directed a further investigation by the department, said that he had, and indicated that he was not altogether satisfied.

He called a meeting of the Board of Control, at Chicago, on Saturday.

President Knauthoff has telegraphed Thurman that he will stand by him.

BANK FAILURE.

The American Loan and Trust Company Closes Its Doors.

FLOODS IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Whole Squares of Streets Flooded in Pittsburg.

THE WATER REACHES TO THE SECOND STORY.

Poor People Along the River Suffer Greatly—Vast Amount of Property Destroyed—The Whole of Wheeling Island, West Virginia, Inundated, and Its Four Thousand Inhabitants Sleeping in Other Parts of the City.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 17.—This afternoon the Allegheny River reached 32 feet 11 inches, but since then has been slowly receding, with nearly every iron mill flooded and closed down.

The direct loss by the flood cannot fall below a million dollars.

The poor living along the river have suffered so greatly that appeals for aid have been issued.

The building inspectors say the flooded districts have suffered great injury in the way of damaged foundations.

To-night the river has fallen several feet, and the damage to the railroads is being rapidly repaired.

Reports from all up-river points show rapidly declining water, and the people are returning to their homes to repair the damage.

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THE LATE GENERAL SHERMAN.

HUNDREDS TAKE A LAST LOOK ON THE REMAINS.

The Funeral Cortage to Leave New York This Evening for St. Louis.

Special to the Record-Union.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—General Veazy, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, has issued the following order: "All posts of the Grand Army of the Republic are ordered to meet the funeral train of General Sherman at the railroad stations on route from New York to St. Louis, and salute the remains as they pass by."

Hundreds of people were permitted to look on the remains of General Sherman to-day.

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SEQUEL TO A ROMANCE.

A Wealthy Stockman of Mariposa County Suicides.

GRIEF OVER THE DEATH OF HIS WIFE THE CAUSE.

A Salinas Farmer Dies From Asphyxiation at a San Francisco Hotel—any Wholesale Liquor Dealers Throughout the State Heavily Fined for Disregarding the Internal Revenue Laws.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Attorneys aggregating \$125,000 were fined to-day against the Kentucky Union Railway Company and the Kentucky Union Land Company, with headquarters at Louisville.

CHATTANOOGA (Tenn.), Feb. 18.—The Fuel Oil Company has assigned, with liabilities of \$200,000 assets in lands and mines of \$300,000. Inability to secure an extension of paper was the cause.

BLUFFTON (Ala.), Feb. 18.—D. Good and Ford Johnson fought a duel to-night with a hatchet and knife as the result of a drunken quarrel.

Escaping Gas Causes the Death of a Salinas Farmer.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—Claus Greve, a wealthy young man, arrived in this city yesterday evening, accompanied by a young lady whom he registered as Mrs. A. Greve, at the Prescott House.

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LIQUOR LAWS DISREGARDED.

Wholesale Dealers Fined for Alleged Crookedness.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—Revelations published a few days ago concerning offenses committed against the liquor laws by wholesale dealers throughout the State, have not been without a salutary effect.

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THE IRISH STRUGGLE.

New Feature Raised in the Pending Difficulties.

FINANCIAL DISPUTE BETWEEN THE TWO FACTIONS.

The McCarthys Contend That Money Which was to be Devoted to the Evicted Tenantry Was Used for Other Purposes—Justin McCarthy Denies that the Liberals Have Subsidized His Party.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The financial dispute between the factions is likely to be one of the features of the coming Irish struggle.

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WEATHER NOTES.

HEAVY RAINFALL REPORTED AT SAN BERNARDINO.

Storm Raging in Arizona—Fears Entertained for the Safety of a Town.

Special to the Record-Union.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—The Signal Service reports the following rainfall for the past twenty-four hours: Sacramento 0.1, San Francisco 0.3, Los Angeles 0.50, San Diego 0.80, Yuma 1.00.

SAN BERNARDINO, Feb. 18.—The storm commenced again last night, and it has rained nearly all day.

PASADENA, Feb. 18.—Nearly four inches of rain have fallen here since Sunday.

SUSANVILLE, Feb. 18.—Enough rain has fallen to insure good crops and to fill the reservoirs.

VACAVILLE, Feb. 18.—Last night's rain was light, but it has been falling since then.

HEAVY RAIN IN ARIZONA.

PRESIDENTIAL MOURNING.

THE SPRING MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE BAY DISTRICT TRACK.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—It has been finally decided by the directors that the spring meeting of the Pacific Coast Blood Horse Association will be held at the Bay District track.

NEW TERRITORIAL PROGRESS.

REGRETS FROM LORD WOLSELEY.

STRANGE PREDICAMENT.

A Handcuffed Chinaman Found Lying in the Mud.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—Ng Ah Yow, a Chinese of doubtful occupation, was found in a peculiar predicament this afternoon.

MORRISSEY'S WALK-OVER.

PEECULIAR SUIT.

An Action Brought Against a Sacramento Bank.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—W. & I. Steinhart & Co. filed a peculiar suit to-day in the Superior Court against the National Bank of D. O. Mills, Co., at Sacramento, to recover \$800.

ONLY A MISUNDERSTANDING.

No Likelihood of a Strike on the Southern Pacific.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—E. W. Wilkinson, Grand Master of the Brotherhood of Trainmen, arrived from Galesburg, Ill., to-day.

DEATH OF A STANISLAUS FLOUNDER.

MONTEZ, Feb. 13.—John F. Bond fell against a sharp point on a head-spool last evening near this place, and expired in a few minutes.

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