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Showers and gales today.

TURNED TO THE WALL.

A river and harbor bill carrying \$21,000,000 is the way the democratic congress is indulging in retrenchment. This is one-third larger than the appropriation of 1885, about the equal of the appropriation of 1889, and within one-eighth of the sum appropriated by the billion-dollar congress. Reform, retrenchment and repeal of the tariff has long been a democratic cry, and on this cry they obtained control of the popular body of congress. To go before the people and ask the suffrage of the people on what they intend doing is a sublime piece of impudence. They have not the moral courage of their convictions. They have not dared to do more than affirm that they believed the republican party wrong. They have not outlined a better policy, nor demonstrated their fitness to rule, by introducing one measure in advance of, or even abreast of the times. Their sole occupation now is, and has been for thirty years past, to stand gaping at the forward moves of the republican party. They dare not point to their record of progress made or reforms inaugurated, for the state is blank and its face is turned to the wall.

AGAIN NATIONAL INTERESTS.

Local iron interests are clamoring for the abrogation of the treaty of 1817, in order that the iron vessel industry may be enlarged and extended on the lake shores. National interests, however, are all against the abrogation of this treaty in one sense, that is, in the sense that war with England is not probable. Admitting that war with England is not probable, it is still a possibility. Today this nation with all its facilities would have to depend upon an accident to keep a large English fleet off the lakes should a war be declared. This is not wise, nor is it in line with common sense. Forts are needed at Rouse's Point and Ogdensburg, N. Y., Fort Wayne, Ind., and Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. In addition to these it would be no violation of the terms of the treaty to foster by subsidy or otherwise the building of merchant marine vessels which in case of war could be converted into first-class cruisers. Add to this the construction of a waterway to the sea board with sufficient depth of water to float first-class gun boats, and England could not successfully cope with us in lake waters.

DEGRADING THE FRANCHISE.

In a debate in the senate on a joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the election of senators by popular vote, Senator Chandler urged in opposition, that "the vote in New York City was cast by the ignorant, the degraded and the criminal classes. There is coming into this country," said the senator, "an enormous influx of foreigners unable to read or write, degraded in every way, incapable of casting an intelligent ballot, who on reaching our shores were made voters without reference to naturalization laws whenever a great political party determined to bring them to the polls." That this statement is true none knowing the true inwardness of Tammany methods can deny. Like the army worm in its devastating march, the elch bug in its blighting effect on a wheat field or the grasshopper in its devouring flight, these elements have destroyed and demoralized every vestige of political purity wherever by the machinations of corrupt politicians they have been brought into political life. It is far better to allow one branch of our national legislation to bear the semblance of purity than to throw all elections open to ward political methods.

PALMER CORRECTED.

Senator Chandler called Senator Palmer down in the senate yesterday by referring to Mr. Palmer's charge that General Logan owed his last election to a trick. Mr. Palmer disclaimed any intention of reflecting upon the memory of General Logan. The fact remains, however, that General Logan's memory was brought into the debate on the resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution providing for the election of senators by popular vote. Reflections upon the political methods of General Logan are unsavory. The world has paid grateful tribute to his memory, and that memory should be allowed to remain unscathed.

TRUE GRATITUDE.

"Cast thy bread upon the waters and it shall be returned to thee after many days." At the time Mrs. James A. Garfield was widowed by an assassin's bullet, she was not only bereaved of her natural protector, but left comparatively penniless. Cyrus W. Field, Jr., immediately interested himself in her behalf, and not only contributed largely to a fund for her, but induced others to do so. The fund soon swelled to \$200,000, which he invested in Mrs. Garfield's name. Today a broken down old man, robbed of his possessions by the rapacity of a son, he is almost an object of pity. Another son, through influential friends, asked a consular position at the hands of the president.

Mrs. Garfield, learning of his application, and being grateful for the many kindnesses heaped upon her by the father, went also to the president, and did not leave him until she had the promise she coveted.

M'CLURE'S TRIBUTE.

At the banquet given to ex-Minister Whiteley Reid, Alexander K. McClure of the Philadelphia Times, who has not been in sympathy with the republican party for the past eight years, said: "Henry J. Raymond was at the baptismal font of republicanism, and he opened the platform at Pittsburg in 1856 that crystallized the greatest party of American history and made the most heroic achievements of any civilization of the world." Thank you, Mr. McClure; this tribute has been fairly earned, and though you may not have seen fit to abide with your ancient love, a sense of justice constrained you to acknowledge her many virtues.

LEAGUE CONVENTION.

The Republican National League convention will be held in Buffalo the last week in June, about the time of the meeting of the democratic convention in Chicago. There are now about 14,000 clubs with a total membership of 1,750,000. Efforts are now being made to increase the total membership to 2,000,000 before the convention meets. Already it is a powerful political force, and its meeting will be the most memorable of any like character ever held. Many of the more famous and better known party leaders have been invited and signified their intention to attend.

DIODEGENE HUNTS THE STREETS OF ATHENS.

Diodegene hunted the streets of Athens with a lighted lamp for an honest man. The hunt of the democrats for a presidential candidate will soon be emulous of Diodegene. Hill and Flower with the Maynard attachment won't answer. Cleveland is a forlorn hope. Boies, Palmer and the lesser lights have not been seriously considered. Will they crowd upon Henry Waterston's Carlisle boomlet and sink that also?

EX-CONGRESSMAN COOPER OF INDIANA.

One of the prosecutors of Commissioner Raum, sought in a speech before the house to excuse his own wrongful acts in issuing congressional call slips indiscriminately, by vilifying Mr. Raum. The Raum investigation is fast assuming an appearance of partisan spite work, and will probably end with an exonerated of the commissioner.

THE ST. LOUIS COTTON EXCHANGE.

Metaphorically pulling its hair and gnashing its teeth because of a report by the department of agriculture showing the amount of cotton on hand. One of the objects of this department is to inform the producers of the available supply on hand. Heretofore this information had been concealed from them by these same speculators.

THE MYERS VOTING MACHINE.

Had its first practical test at Lockport, New York, yesterday. During the day 40 votes were polled. Four tickets were in the field and the candidates were badly scratched. Yet five minutes after the polls were closed the result was known. Much satisfaction is expressed over the working of the machine.

BY A PROCLAMATION OF THE PRESIDENT.

Dated April 12, the Cheyenne and Arapahoe reservations in Oklahoma territory and the Sisseton reservation in South Dakota will be thrown open to settlers April 19; at noon. Large numbers are now on the ground, but the area is great enough to accommodate all.

WASHINGTONIANS ARE WROTH WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE.

Because of a bill just passed by them authorizing the use of the trolley system by street car lines. They claim that the storage battery gives good satisfaction, is unattended with danger and does away with the unsightly wires.

LANDLORD BEHIND OF THE RICHIEU HOTEL, CHICAGO.

Has brought a libel suit against the Denver Times. Mr. Bemis wants \$100,000 to patch up the injury. The Times did him by saying "he had fleeced his guests of the sum of \$400,000 at card games by means of marked cards."

INTEREST HAS BEEN AROUSED AS TO THE OBJECT OF ATTORNEY-GENERAL MILLER'S TRIP TO THE SOUTH.

And much comment is indulged. If it should turn out that the attorney-general is simply gratifying a very natural curiosity, would the commentators be relieved of undue anxiety?

THE MERIDEN JOURNAL OF MARCH 31 IS A HANDSOME EDITION OF THIRTY-TWO PAGES.

brimming full with news and well-selected miscellany. Meriden is the home of the silver-plating industry and The Journal is an able exponent of the advantages and attractions of the lively city.

BEFORE WE HAD RECIPROCITY WITH BRAZIL THE BRAZILIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY RAN ONLY THREE STEAMERS MONTHLY.

now they run over fourteen. We are now shipping 79,000 tons of freight where we used to ship only 15,500 tons.

BY THE DEATH OF WILLIAM RIGHTSTEIN OF SHEPARDSTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA.

George W. Boyer of Shenandoah Junction, West Virginia, becomes the sole survivor of the historic jury who hanged John Brown.

AN IMPORTED CLERGYMAN, THE REV. E. WALPOLE WARREN, REFUSES TO TAKE OUT NATURALIZATION PAPERS BECAUSE, AS HE ASSERTS, "THE CITY OF NEW YORK IS SO WICKED."

He should steer clear of Chicago.

FRANK B. WILKIE OF CHICAGO, A NOTED WRITER AND EDITORIAL WRITER, WHO HAS BEEN CONNECTED WITH LEADING CHICAGO PAPERS SINCE 1855, IS DEAD AT THE AGE OF 62.

"New York's Business as I Have Found Them," by the Rev. Parkhurst, would

be a fit companion to "New York Society as I Have Found It," by Ward McAllister.

Twenty-seven years ago today Abraham Lincoln was shot by John Wilkes Booth in Ford's theater, Washington.

Miss owners are said to be falling over each other in their zeal to emulate Senator Wolcott's attack on the president.

JERRY CITY, N. J., fell into line yesterday by electing a republican mayor.

Quite recently an officer of a court administered an oath by telephone.

AMUSEMENTS.

Chas. A. Gardner will present his new play, "Captain Karl," at Powers' next Saturday evening. Mr. Gardner will be remembered in Grand Rapids for his singing, as well as for his graceful playing. The sale of seats opens this morning.

Agnes Wallace Villa is announced for a matinee in "The World Against Her" at Redmond's this afternoon.

The University of Michigan Glee and Banjo club will give a concert at Hartman hall next Monday night.

A great local interest is looking forward for the presentation of "The Pirates of Penzance" for the benefit of the Grand Rapids Guard on the 25th and 27th.

The next Sunday night attraction at Redmond's will be "The Past Mail." Seats go on sale today.

Matinees at Smith's theater tomorrow and Saturday.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Russia has a 426 mile electric road.

An Oakland lake has electric lights. There are 20,000 different kinds of butter-fats.

Give attention and you will get knowledge. Prussia has 14,300,000 males and 15,300,000 females.

An aching head soon makes one forget an aching heart.

A squirrel comes down a tree head first, and a cat tail first.

Time is but a cobweb thread in the infinite web of eternity.

Europe produces 20,000,000 barrels of Portland cement annually.

If our high ideas could be realized, would they not cease to be ideals?

It is the brightness, not the darkness, that we see when we look back.

Baltimore is soon to have an elevated railroad costing about \$1,000,000.

There is a man in Baltimore who has, it is said, worn the same hat since 1844.

Try a saturated solution of bicarbonate of soda (baking soda) in diarrhoeal troubles; give freely.

When suffering from overstrained and tired eyes bathe them in hot water several times a day.

A few years ago a clergyman, who is now a D. D., was the owner of a milk walk in North London.

Denmark as well as Germany has established a system of pensions for superannated workmen.

The horse has no eyebrows, and if much white is visible in the eye itself it is a sure sign of a vicious nature.

A fish dealer in Bath, Me., on cutting open a yellow perch found eight twenty-penny nails in the stomach.

An electrical stop watch is now made which will show the time to within the one-hundredth part of a second.

Queen Victoria's crown, kept with other royal regalia under strong guard at the old tower, is worth about \$600,000.

The first electric railway in Russia is to be constructed in Kiel, a city of about 150,000 inhabitants, on the River Dnieper.

In New York city last year police alarms were sent out for fifty-five runaway boys and twenty-two runaway girls, fifteen of whom have not yet been heard from.

The first railroad in India to be built and controlled entirely by natives has been sanctioned by the Indian government. The line will be about thirty miles long in the Hooghly district.

TAR USED ON MASONRY.

Coal tar has come into extensive use as a means of rendering masonry impervious to water, especially in positions exposed to direct contact with water. Tar used to coat masonry built up of extremely porous stone renders it quite impervious even at a depth of fifty feet of water. Tar ought to be utilized in all public buildings, particularly those designed for the preservation of works of art; for the dissolving action of water upon mortar even of excellent quality is well known, and also the disagreeable consequences of the exudation of water charged with lime salts from the mortar.

The tar may be employed in two different ways; it may be used in a boiling state in one or several layers, or it may be made to seep up before it is used. The first method is suitable for surfaces exposed to the air, the second is appropriate to surfaces which have to be covered up. When boiling coal tar is used in three coats on masonry, the result is a black and very brilliant varnish, which perfectly resists the action of frost, water and sun, and which is absolutely impervious. Its good effects last many years, and in many cases the use of a layer of plaster or cement is rendered unnecessary.

By adding to the coal tar an India rubber paste, produced by dissolving rubber clippings in benzine or petroleum, a coating may be obtained which is still more resistant, elastic and durable. The tendency of the black coating to absorb heat may be overcome by white staining the whole before the tar is quite dry; the white adheres and the heat is reflected.—New York Telegraph.

Short Tariff Schemes.

There are three ways of levying duties: First—An ad valorem rate, or a certain per cent. of the declared value, as, for instance, the duty on swords is 20 per cent. of their value at the time imported, on boots and shoes, 20 per cent. of their value.

Second—A specific rate, or so much per pound, yard, ton, gallon, bushel, etc., regardless of the declared value, as the duty on eggs is five cents per dozen, on steel rails, six tenths of one cent per pound, or \$18.44 per long ton of 2,240 pounds.

Third—An ad valorem and specific rate combined, as, for instance, the duty on Brussels carpets is forty-four cents per square yard and 40 per cent. of their value; on cologne water, two dollars per gallon and 50 per cent. ad valorem.

In computing the rate per cent. a specific duty must be reduced to an equivalent of ad valorem rate. For in-

stance, the duty on hay is four dollars per ton. If hay were imported at a value of ten dollars per ton, the equivalent ad valorem rate would be 40 per cent. Of course, to find the actual ad valorem rate per cent. we must divide actual duties collected by actual importations, which will give the real and true rate per cent. on dutiable imports.

Formerly the ad valorem rate prevailed, but this resulted in undervaluation to such a degree that the duties have been made more and more specific. This is a great feature of the McKinley law. In nearly every case possible a specific duty is levied.

Most Free-traders object to this method, claiming that a fall or rise in price makes the duty inconsistent. But if the people will elect a Protectionist congress every two years, changes will be made in the future as in the past to meet all changes in value. Evam M. Manning, President Cleveland's secretary of the treasury, in an annual report, advocated and insisted on specific duties. So will every honest man desiring to prevent fraud in importations.—American Economist.

Republican State Convention.

A state convention of the republicans of Michigan will be held at the Detroit rink, Detroit, on Thursday, April 15, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of nominating a delegate to president and vice-president of the United States and electing four delegates at large, and one district delegate, to the republican national convention to be held at Minneapolis, Tuesday, June 7, 1892, also for the purpose of electing a chairman of the state central committee and two members thereof from each congressional district, and in the event of a tie, either business may properly come before it.

The call for the national convention contains the following provisions: "The congressional district delegates shall be chosen at conventions called by the congressional committee of each district in the same manner as the nominations for a representative in congress are made in said district; provided, that in any congressional district there is no republican congressional committee, or if the congressional committee for that part of the district is unable to call a convention, the delegates shall be chosen at a district convention to be held in said district; provided, that in any congressional district there is no republican congressional committee, or if the congressional committee for that part of the district is unable to call a convention, the delegates shall be chosen at a district convention to be held in said district; provided, that in any congressional district there is no republican congressional committee, or if the congressional committee for that part of the district is unable to call a convention, the delegates shall be chosen at a district convention to be held in said district; 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