

IT IS SAD WAITING

Blaine May Live Three or Four Days More.

HAS CANCER OF THE BOWELS

His Physicians Say He was a "Little Better" Last Night—No Callers Received.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—"Mr. Blaine maintains this evening the hold he secured this morning when his condition showed a slight improvement," was the reply of Dr. Johnston, Mr. Blaine's physician, when asked how his distinguished patient was by a United Press reporter. Dr. Hyatt, the consulting physician, who is present, concurred in the statement. They had just come from the sick room where they had held a fifteen minute consultation. "Mr. Blaine is still in full possession of his faculties," continued Dr. Johnston, "and while very weak, he is nevertheless as cheerful as the trying ordeal of yesterday as could be expected. He converses as freely as he is permitted to by his family and partakes regularly of nourishment. It is impossible to state how long Mr. Blaine is likely to survive. Speculation on such a subject would simply be idle nonsense. I don't think Mr. Blaine is any longer in danger of dying tonight. Further than that I do not care to state."

DOG TAILS AS EXHIBITS.

Kansas City's Poundmaster Must Present Peculiar Vouchers.

KANSAS CITY, Kan., Dec. 19.—The city council, after two weeks' consideration, has arrived at the conclusion that the bills presented by the poundmaster for the killing of unfortunate dogs have been excessive, he rendering a bill for the death of 6,000 dogs during the past eleven months. The council settled the poundmaster's fees by adopting the following resolution: Resolved, That the city impound be and is hereby instructed, from this date, to cut off and preserve the tails of all dogs killed by him and his employees, and to deliver the same to the city clerk on the last day of each month, together with the bills against the city for the killing of the same. The city clerk is directed to ascertain the correct number of dog tails turned in, shall then and there certify to the correctness of the said bill before it shall be accepted by the council. All dog tails rendered to be forever destroyed by the said city clerk.

ARE OF NO SERVICE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—A meeting of the republican senators steering committee was held today for the purpose of hearing statements from the western senators whose seats are likely to be contested by democrats, as to the condition of affairs in their respective states. Among those who spoke were Senator Felton of California, Vasey of North Dakota and Warren. Each of these gentlemen went into details of the situation during and since the late election. It is said that they came to the conclusion that the steering committee, at present at least, can be of no particular assistance to them. There were nonrepresentatives present from Kansas and Nebraska.

Captain Merritt's Funeral.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The funeral of the late Capt. John G. Merritt, acting assistant doorkeeper of the United States senate took place this morning from his family residence. The Rev. Butler, chaplain of the senate, performed the funeral ceremony and delivered a very touching address upon the career and dying hours of the deceased. The residence was well filled with the associates of Captain Merritt in the senate.

Opposition to McComas.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The senate judiciary committee is considering the nomination of Louis McComas of Maryland, to be associate justice of the district supreme court, and it is probable that the nomination will be disposed of this afternoon. It is understood that some of the democratic members are opposing confirmation, but they are doubtful of their ability to prevent it on a direct vote in the senate.

Peoria Miners Strike.

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 19.—All coal miners of the Peoria district have gone out on a strike for an advance of 7 cents a ton for mining. Very few operators will have enough non-union men to work their mines. The workmen have been receiving only 33 cents per ton, and the operators consider this price too small, but say they cannot afford a great figure on account of their contract with the distillers of this city.

They're Off!

St. Louis, Dec. 19.—The Natatorium was crowded to overflowing tonight and at precisely 10 o'clock the band began to play and the contestants in six days go-as-you-please pedestrian match started on the long race. The starters were: Moore, Hart, Hegeman, Conners, Glyck, Old Sport, Campion, Vanaport, G. J. Owen, Cayton, Brown, Hoffmann, Schlemmer, Thompson and Longtin.

Emis is Alive.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The Berlin correspondent for the Standard learns from a private letter, dated at Paris, that Emis is still alive. The rumors of his death were erroneous. Dr. Emis, the letter says, is now following Stanley's route through the Congo State, and but for an affection of the eyes, is in exceptionally good health.

Wood Paper Company Fails.

New York, Dec. 19.—The failure of the American Wood Paper Company was reported today. The company's mills are at Manayunk and Spring City, Pa., and headquarters at Philadelphia, N. J. The company is one of the oldest in the paper business in the country, having been incorporated over twenty-five years ago.

Foreman His Death.

Boston, Dec. 19.—Tonight's journal says: "The Journal is informed by one whose identification is unimpeachable that the most intimate friend of Mr. Blaine, that whatever the reports sent out, the relations and friends were told more than two months ago that he could not survive the winter, if indeed the year. His family were prepared then, and are prepared now for this end."

WE ARE ALL RIGHT

Secretary Foster Says There Will Be No Panic.

GOLD WILL NOT GO ABOVE PAR

Until After the Expiration of the Fiscal Year—New York Brokers Are Unduly Excited.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The treasury department was kept fully and promptly advised of the stock market in New York today, and Secretary Foster was in conference with his assistants several times upon the situation. After the department closed the assistant secretaries, Messrs. Gear, Spaulding and Albertson gathered in the secretary's room and discussed the events of the day. The secretary said, in answer to a question based on a report printed in New York stating that he was much exercised over the matter and intended to come over to New York to consult New York bankers: "I am not going to New York to confer with bankers or any one else about the financial situation. There is nothing in it to warrant such action. The idea has not previously even occurred to me."

He May Be Cleveland's Secretary of State.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Don M. Dickinson is now said to be certain to go into Mr. Cleveland's cabinet as secretary of state. He reached here yesterday by the train that left today in the supreme court waiting for an opportunity to make an argument before the court. He had a long conference with Cleveland, Vilas and Whitney in New York Saturday and Sunday at which time the foregoing appointment was decided on.

Increased Pensions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The small attendance in the house today was an indication that no bills of popular interest would be called up or passed during the session. On the bill increasing the pension of veterans of the Mexican war who are now receiving \$8 a month, the yeas and nays were ordered, an exact quorum—167 voted. Then, without objection, the bill limiting the jurisdiction of the courts of the United States, was passed. Its advocate, Calverton, of Texas, said it is a general favorite on both sides of the house, and when he says that a legal bill is a proper one, it generally carries more strength.

Australians Congratulate Grover.

MELBOURNE, Dec. 19.—A meeting of advocates of free trade was held here today at which a resolution, offered by Sir Henry Parkes, congratulating the democrats of the United States upon their recent electoral victory, was adopted. Congratulations were also cabined to President-elect Cleveland.

Two New Cardinals.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The Most Rev. Michael Logue, archbishop of Armagh and primate of all Ireland, and the Most Rev. William Walsh, archbishop of Westminster, have received letters notifying them that they will be made cardinals at the coming papal consistory.

ENORMOUS CAR SHORTAGE.

Western Roads Are Unable to Handle Any Freight.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 19.—The car shortage at Kansas City is the worst ever known here, every road centering here being affected. The Missouri Pacific is practically doing no business at all out of Kansas City. The road is nearly 2,000 cars short on this division and at Kansas City, and estimates a shortage of about seventy-five cars a day for grain and heavy cars, and for other freight. It is refusing all freight offered for shipment except some warehouse merchandise which is handled through the freight department. The Santa Fe is reported as being 2,000 cars short today and the situation is growing worse. The Memphis is supplying only a limited number of cars and is short probably 500 in the south. The Burlington and all the other roads are cramped in handling grain because of the shortage. Nearly all the agents here are uncertain as to when a change for the better may occur in the territory contiguous to Kansas City. The estimates of agents place the shortage at from 6,000 to 8,000 cars.

SUNDAY OPENING QUESTION.

Judge Tuley Will Decide About the World's Fair in January.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—The question of closing the world's fair on Sunday was brought into the courts today for the first time. The matter came up before Judge Tuley in connection with a bill filed last October by the South Shore Transportation company, an organization composed of the various steamship companies doing business at the foot of Van Buren street. The South Park commissioners, the City of Chicago, the Illinois Central Railroad company, the World's Columbian Exposition committee, were made defendants. An amendment was filed today which brings direct to issue the question whether the world's fair people or even the government has the right to close the grounds on Sunday. Judge Tuley allowed the amendment to be made and will decide upon the case early in January.

GROVER DID NOT APPEAR.

He Calmly Ignores the Summons of a Virginia Court.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 19.—The paper served on President-elect Cleveland a few weeks ago while he was hunting on Broadwater Island, notifying him that he was made a party defendant in the suit of Smith against the bondholders' committee, was made returnable before the chancery court today. The paper was only a legal form of court procedure and is not thought for a moment that Mr. Cleveland would respond in person. He had paid no attention whatever to the paper and it is thought he will not. When a case comes up for trial, his deposition may be taken and used.

GOVERNOR WANTS A NEW TRIAL.

ALBANY, Dec. 19.—Judge Kelley will hear Governor's attorney's motion for a new trial on December 20. If the trial is not granted, thousands will receive sentences for life, and at once be taken to their future home at Jackson.

POISON IN A SOUP

Arkansas Negroes' Deadly Hated for Convict Labor.

PRISONERS TOOK THEIR PLACES

Four Men Died in Three Hours After Eating, and Three Others Must Die.

HELENA, Ark., Dec. 19.—The convicts at Apperson's convict camp here were suddenly taken sick yesterday. They belong to a gang of 110 who came here last week to work on the railroad. Their appearance caused much discontent among the free labor, composed mostly of negroes, who petitioned the county judge not to permit them to come. Of the eighteen who took sick, four died in a few hours and three more are sure to die. They show all the symptoms of arsenical poisoning and believe themselves that their food has been tampered with by some negro who lost his job through them. They are panic stricken and will, it is expected, revolt. Doctors have taken the stomachs of the dead men to a chemist to be analyzed. The kettles in which the food for the convicts is prepared were left near the public road and it would have been easy to poison it if any one desired to do so.

HE WAS GAMES.

A Chicago Man Mortally Wounded Coolly Drops a Burglar.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Frederick J. Austin was mortally wounded at 3 o'clock this morning by two burglars. Mr. Austin was entering his house at that hour when he noticed the two men prowling around one of the side windows. He drew his revolver and asked them what they wanted. One of the men fired a shot which missed Mr. Austin, and the latter returned the fire. Several shots were exchanged, one of which struck Mr. Austin in the stomach. He fell to the sidewalk and while lying prostrate he emptied his revolver at the men. It is thought that one of them was wounded, for a trail of blood in the snow marked the course by which they escaped.

Electrocuted at Sing Sing.

SING SING, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Fred McGuire was electrocuted at 11:18 this morning. He had confessed his guilt and showed no signs of breaking down. McGuire's crime was the murder of Mrs. Amelia Gregory, wife of Noah Gregory, a farmer and tax collector of Middletown, on October 14, 1891. The crime was committed for robbery. McGuire was a farm hand employed by Gregory and knew that his employer had collected \$150 and had it in the house. Mrs. Gregory discovered him while he was trying to steal it and he killed her to hide his crime.

Very Lucky Week.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 19.—The east bound passenger train on the Newport News & Mississippi Valley railroad was wrecked by a broken rail at Eddyville, Ky., this morning. The engine was derailed, the mail and baggage cars and the second coach overturned and badly smashed. Conductor Carter had his shoulder dislocated and Postal Clerk Sanders was severely hurt, but not fatally. It was almost miraculous that a number of passengers were not killed.

President Polk's Niece Wants a Divorce.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 19.—A sensational divorce suit was filed here today by Mrs. Susan Polk, daughter of President Polk, in which she charges that her husband, John Polk, is a drunkard and has abandoned her and demands absolute divorce and alimony.

Embezzlers Indicted.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 19.—H. H. Buscher, cashier and W. T. Snyder, confidential bookkeeper at the freight office of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad were indicted today by the county grand jury for embezzlement. The indictment charging that they had jointly and severally appropriated \$7,338 of the company's money to their own use. Buscher is under bond, but Snyder has fled the country.

Will Be Fifty Thousand.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 19.—It is now stated on good authority, that the shortage of the Louisville & Nashville freight office of this city will be less than 50,000. Today McCort was relieved a few days ago. Today Cashier Shotwell's successor was appointed. The company has attached all the real estate and other property of McCort, placing its claim at \$30,000, but it is not stated in the suit that this is the whole claim.

End of a Sensation.

QUINCY, Ill., Dec. 19.—Coroner Ryan held an inquest over the body of the woman found in a trunk at the depot Saturday. While testimony was being taken, C. N. Frame, a medical student of Quincy, Ill., appeared and identified the body. He proved his right to it and was told by Coroner Ryan he could have it upon paying the costs of the inquest.

Resistance Cost His Life.

MARSHFIELD, O., Dec. 19.—Officers tried to arrest Tom Bouvard and Hans Bell, two notorious characters today, when a general fight ensued, in which Bouvard was killed and a bystander was slightly wounded. Bell made his escape, but is being pursued by a posse.

Crushed by Falling Walls.

ALBANY, Dec. 19.—Seven men were buried under the wall of Fort Orange mill building. Five persons have been taken out, one of whom is dead. The other three will be taken out as soon as possible. It is thought there are no other deaths.

Charged With Murder.

JONES, Mo., Dec. 19.—Bill Simmons was arrested here today charged with the murder of Miss Mary. Simmons is a desperado, who has been in the Missouri penitentiary for several years.

Noted M. A. Leader.

HURDY STARR, the notorious leader of the Starr gang of desperados, who killed United States Deputy Marshal Floyd Wilton a few days ago while the latter was trying to arrest him, was run down and arrested last night at Talaiah, I. T., by United States Deputy Marshal Heebrunner who has been on his trail ever since the killing of Wilton. Heebner and his posse at the same time caught Stone How, the murderer of Jack Kobbert and two other members of the gang. The prisoners will be taken to Fort Smith, Ark., for trial.

IS NINE TO SEVEN

Republicans Have a Majority of Presidential Electors.

THE TOTAL VOTE BY DISTRICTS

Harrison and Reid Electors Show a Plurality in the State of 20,412.

LANSING, Dec. 19.—The state bonded canvassers have completed the canvass of vote cast for presidential electors which shows that the Harrison and Reid electors have a plurality in the state of 20,412. The vote for the eastern district was republican, 107,613; democrat, 108,956; populist, 7,020 and the prohibitionist, 8,345, and George H. Durand, the democrat elector has a plurality of 1528.

Western District: Republican, 114,290; democrat, 95,340; populist, 12,782; prohibitionist, 12,224, and Jay A. Hubbell, the republican elector has a plurality of 19,950.

The following is the vote in each electoral district:

Table with columns for District, Republican, Democrat, Populist, Prohibitionist, Total. Lists data for Eastern, Western, and State totals.

THE TOTAL IS NINE REPUBLICAN AND FIVE DEMOCRATIC ELECTORS.

The vote for state officers has not yet been canvassed. The land commissioner and Judge Hooker, although elected on the face of the returns are not quite as sure of it as though they had their certificates in hand. The certificates are deferred upon the advice of Attorney General Ellis, and while the state can hardly escape issuing them finally, the series of hitches occasions some nervousness.

BOTH WIVES LOVED HIM.

St. Louis, Dec. 19.—"He is my husband by the rites of God and man and I will go with him. I will follow him to the end of the earth."

Two women made these vows of constancy, in spite of most discouraging circumstances; but an embarrassing fact was, at least that of Detective Desmond, that the outbreak of affection were both over one man, M. Armstrong, Chief Desmond, in whose office the women were quarreling, was in a quandary, for he saw that if both women accompanied Armstrong back to Iowa, Mich., where he is to be tried for embezzlement and possibly bigamy, there would be trouble.

"Ladies," said the chief, "Mr. Armstrong will start for Michigan Monday morning at 8:10 sharp. You will meet him at the depot." The ladies departed, casting dagger-like glances at each other. As soon as their backs were turned, Chief Desmond sent for Armstrong. Sheriff J. W. Walker was already on hand. Armstrong was shackled and in fifteen minutes was on board a train at the Union depot.

OVERLOOKED THE GIBB.

A "So" Romeo Gets a Marriage License, Come Out in Vain.

Sault Ste. Marie, Dec. 19.—An amusing incident took place at the county clerk's office last week. William Robertson and James Clawson both loved a Miss Thomas, and each decided to make her his better half, but one of them forgot to consult Annie on the subject. Robertson secured a marriage license one morning. In the afternoon Clawson also asked for a marriage license, and got it. The county clerk smiled when he noticed that two girls with the same name were on one day to join their fortunes with two fair Romances. The coincidence was, however, explained on the next day when Clawson flew into the office in a glaring rage and, throwing down the previous document, said: "I thought this was a marriage license, but I found out that she was a quack. She was a quack, and I want my money back or the devil 'll be to pay!"

Drink Killed Him.

DETOUR, Dec. 19.—Albert Fink, aged 43, a German, dropped dead at his home about 8 o'clock yesterday morning. Coroner Keefe was called and ordered County Physician Kowalski to make a post mortem examination. The doctor found that death was due to alcoholism. Fink was a widower and leaves one child.

He Denies It Now.

KALAMAZOO, Dec. 19.—Since Daniel Neill, the confessing asylum attendant, was discharged he has been imitating down in his statements. The press has been misled regarding the place where he was confined. Neill says that the place where he was confined is not the place where he is now, but still it is one that