

CAPITAL NOTES.

THE DEMOCRATS STILL HESITATING ABOUT MEASURES TO SECURE CONTROL OF THE SENATE.

Collectors' Uncertainties--King's Nomination Still in Doubt. (Special to the Democrat.) WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.--The Democrats in the Senate still hesitate about taking measures to secure the co-operation of two or three Southern Republicans or carpet-bag Senators, which co-operation is essential to the seating of Spoford, Eastis and Butler. The fruit is ripe, it must be picked off by hand; it will not fall from the tree of itself.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

The Senate. WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.--The Senate met at 12 M., and prayer was offered by the chaplain. Mr. Blair, of Missouri, presented, and read, a memorial, as follows: Petitions asking for increased compensation for letter carriers, by Eaton, Cameron of Wisconsin, Cameron of Pennsylvania, and Cameron of Illinois. Referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE.

THE NASHVILLE RACES--GOOD TRUCK AND A FINE DAY.

The Favorites, Mahistiek, Adventure and Chas. Gorham, Carry off the Prizes. (Special to the Democrat.) NASHVILLE, Oct. 19.--The day was pleasant, though threatening rain, and the track in good condition. The three favorites won easily. In the first race, for the association purse, a dash of two miles, Mahistiek, the favorite, won in 3:40 1/2. The second was a selling race, mile heats, best two in three. Pools at the track sold: Adventure \$100; Startle \$100; Mirah \$40; Highland Vintage \$35; Grit \$25, and the field \$12. The first heat was taken by Adventure in 1:38, Mirah second, Startle third, and the rest bunched. After this heat pools sold, Adventure \$350, and the rest of the field \$105.

THE WHEAT PEST IN CANADA.

TORONTO, Oct. 19.--The Globe to-day has an editorial warning the farmers of Canada against the wheat pest, which is already doing the fall wheat alarmingly, and says that it is the duty of the government to take sensible measures to protect the farmers.

WAR NOTES.

Mukhtar Pasha's Defeat--Russian Report of Turkish Losses.

LONDON, Oct. 19.--A special dispatch to the Standard, from Tiflis, says: It is estimated that the Russians captured, at the battle of Monday last, thirty-two battalions of Turks, four brigades of artillery, fifteen officers and two thousand men, and killed among the latter a son of the Circassian chieftain, Soba-yul, and the Turkish general of Cavalry, Mousa Paacha. The Russians estimate the total Turkish loss at about six thousand men, killed and wounded, with great stores of munitions and provisions.

Assault on Plevna.

LONDON, Oct. 19.--It is rumored that an assault on Plevna commenced Thursday.

Contraband of War.

LONDON, Oct. 19.--It is stated material for Russian huts, contracted for in England, are detained as contraband of war.

MONEY AND STOCKS.

New York, Oct. 19.--Wall street--Money closed at 100 per cent. Exchange 46 1/2 @ 48, Gold 107 1/2 @ 108, Government bonds closed as follows: United States 104 1/2 @ 105, sinking fund 104 1/2 @ 105, 10-year consols 103 1/2 @ 104, 20-year consols 103 1/2 @ 104, 30-year consols 103 1/2 @ 104, 40-year consols 103 1/2 @ 104, 50-year consols 103 1/2 @ 104, 60-year consols 103 1/2 @ 104, 70-year consols 103 1/2 @ 104, 80-year consols 103 1/2 @ 104, 90-year consols 103 1/2 @ 104, 100-year consols 103 1/2 @ 104.

THE GARFIELD LETTER.

The Letter Gives Wrote to Garfield Asking Him to Give Up His Senatorial Aspirations.

On the 30th of June the following was published: "EXECUTIVE MANSION, Washington, D. C., March 11, 1877. 'My Dear General--In accordance with your wish, I put in writing what I expressed to you verbally last night. It seems to me that you can serve the country and your party better by remaining a member of the House of Representatives, where your long experience and great abilities so eminently fit you for leadership. I fully appreciate the great sacrifice I ask you to make in withdrawing from the senatorial contest. But I am confident that in this and you will not regret it. It is my belief that your prospects of election as Speaker are very nearly certain, and you do not need my assurance that I shall give you the heartiest co-operation to that end. Faithfully your friend, 'R. B. HAYES.' Mr. Garfield promptly published the following: 'COLUMBUS, O., July 1, 1877. 'Dear Sir--I have just seen in the Cincinnati Commercial of this morning, copied from the New York Sun, what purports to be a letter of the President to me. It is a forgery in every line and word. 'J. A. GARFIELD.' Here is the authentic copy: 'EXECUTIVE MANSION, Washington, D. C., March 11, 1877. 'My Dear General--In accordance with your wish, I put in writing what I expressed to you verbally last night. It seems to me that you can serve the country and your party better by remaining a member of the House of Representatives, where your long experience and great abilities so eminently fit you for leadership. I fully appreciate the great sacrifice I ask you to make in withdrawing from the senatorial contest. But I am confident that in this and you will not regret it. It is my belief that your prospects of election as Speaker are very nearly certain, and you do not need my assurance that I shall give you the heartiest co-operation to that end. Faithfully your friend, 'R. B. HAYES.' 'To Gen. J. A. Garfield.' 'R. B. HAYES.' Gen. Garfield seems to have denied not wisely but too well.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

The Senators that Will Support the President's Civil Service Policy.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.--The President's civil service policy will come up in a very practical shape before the Senate as soon as nominations are sent in for confirmation. There has been a conference of leading Democratic Senators on the subject of their attitude in this matter, and their conclusions are positive that they will vote against the policy, and in favor of the existing and vicious custom of leaving the confirmation or rejection of the President's appointments to the party majority. It is believed that the Republican Senators will be called to a caucus, in which an effort will be made to induce all to agree to confirm or reject on the reports of committees, continuing also the old customs of allowing the Republican Senator from each State to control the patronage of his State, and to procure the confirmation will the confirmation of a majority of persons nominated within his State. If the Republicans should agree to act upon this old practice, which is called the courtesy of the Senate, the Democrats will naturally not interfere; but there is reason to believe that some Republican Senators, friendly to the President, will refuse to be bound by this mischievous rule, and it is certain that if any stand out they will find the Democrats ready in a body to help them.

Challenge to the American Riflemen.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.--Sir Henry Hallford intimates that the American riflemen will soon receive a challenge to shoot at Wimbledon.

Cotton Exchange Project of Life Insurance.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.--The Cotton Exchange committee on the plan of life insurance among its members, recommended yesterday that insurance contracts be taken on the dollar by the Exchange amended so as to enable the Exchange to insure the lives of its members.

Involuntary Bankruptcy.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.--Nathaniel Cheney, who secured a controlling interest in the Zion agricultural works on Long Island, after their failure about a year ago, and undertook to run the concern, has gone into involuntary bankruptcy. The hearing is taken to have the appointment of a receiver for the property, principally due to the composition of fifty cents on the dollar by the old concern. The assets are nominally about \$200,000, but they are covered for their full value by mortgages and liens to secure creditors.

Electric Light.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Oct. 19.--On the steamer Faraday, lying off Roberts' stores, last evening experiments were made with the electric light. The results were most successful. The electricity was produced by a powerful battery worked by steam, which makes ten revolutions per minute. The electric light is taken to lamps by No. 2 wires, having on each end a carbon point; when these are joined there results a dazzling white light. The heat generated by the electricity is sufficient to melt a piece of glass in six seconds.

Receiver for a Railroad.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.--The directors' room at the office of the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad yesterday was crowded with excited stockholders and bondholders. There was a storm of protest against the appointment of a receiver for the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad at Chillicothe, Mo. The president was cross-examined by the stockholders and asked to resign.

Arms for Turkey--Watching Her Chances.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., Oct. 19.--The steamship J. B. Walker, loaded with arms and ammunition for the Turkish government, is still anchored in the harbor. It is expected that she will leave on the first day of about a week. It is claimed that she is waiting for orders, but the belief prevails that her officers are somewhat anxious on account of the rumors of a presence here of agents of the Russian government. On her last voyage to Constantinople she was chased for two days by a Russian steamer. It is expected that she will leave on the first day of about a week, and once outside the sound will stand a good chance to get away.

The Cause of It.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 19.--In the case of Chas. H. Mearns & Co., paper manufacturers, who suspended business last week, it is thought to be known, and though they are thought to be known, it is asserted that the assets fully cover the liabilities. The cause given is that the illness of Mearns rendered him unable to attend to business.

Later--Proposition to Adopt Chinese Labor.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.--The striking cigar makers are still on the out, but as far as could be ascertained no new shops have been added to the strikers. To-day delegates to the central organization report that men and women are being employed at work, and show no signs of falling off. The manufacturers held a secret meeting this afternoon, and it is said, discussed a proposition to adopt Chinese labor.

The Massachusetts Afloat.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.--The steamer Massachusetts, which went ashore on Rocky Point, Long Island, October 4th, has been successfully floated, and arrived here to-day in tow of the steamer Relief. She will go on the dry dock for repairs.

Fire.

OSWEGO, N. Y., Oct. 19.--About midnight last night a fire broke out in the drying-house of the Oswego Mills Manufacturing Company, totally consuming it, and partially destroying the wool house adjoining. The fire is supposed to have originated from the singeing machine. Loss estimated at \$80,000, and is fully insured, mostly in New York city companies.

Raiding the Pool Sellers.

HOBOKEN, N. J., Oct. 19.--Kelly & Bliss, Band Dupont & Co., and John McDougall & Co., pool sellers of this place, were raided on by the Sheriff of Hudson county this afternoon. The proprietors were taken to Hudson City and put under \$10,000 bail each. All except Kelly were locked up.

Ocean Freight.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.--Ocean freights fairly active; grain and oil tonnage steady; while by steam little is doing either in grain or provisions; offerings, room and freight light by this week's steamers, and little disposition shown to contract as yet for next week, beyond what has already been done, as previously reported.

LETTER FROM SAN ANTONIO.

MAGNIFICENT WATER POWER--FACTORIES--CROPS.

War Spirit on the Frontier--The Border Mexican Population in sympathy with the Thieves. (Special Correspondence N. O. Democrat.) SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Oct. 19, 1877. The agricultural fair at this place will open on the 23d inst. I attended that of last year, and it was a great failure; and really I think the association manifests decided pluck in making another effort. They appear to have taken seriously to heart the exhortation of Mrs. Chick, and a very meritorious effort have they made, and it sustained by the community at all in proportion to their desert, the present fair will be a decided success. Western Texas is becoming, year by year, more of a farming country; and an improved method may be observed in all farm operations. Still it is decidedly in its infancy, and vast strides are necessary to catch up with the spirit of older communities. For this reason the fair does not make so considerable a show as I would like to see; but this year will be a great improvement on the last, and with each succeeding year it must receive important accessions, in improved stock, agricultural implements, etc.

IMPROVEMENT OF THE CITY.

San Antonio is to have the waterworks after all. The contract has been signed for some time and ground has been broken. They are a vital necessity to the health of the city, which, however remarkable, has yet suffered from defective sewerage and water polluted with surface drainings.

THE WAR SPIRIT.

Western Texas is greatly excited by the audacious raids of the Mexican border thieves. If the United States does not take some more efficient steps to put a speedy stop to them, I think the endurance of our people will not hold out much longer. It needs but a leader for them to take the matter very determinedly in their own hands. The government must no longer dally with this question. It is one vital to the interests of Western Texas, and her people are being murdered and robbed daily, while several thousand United States troops are kept upon the seaboard, that should be guarding this exposed frontier. It has become patent to the dearest understanding that Diaz, granting his desire to suppress the raids, is utterly powerless to effect the smallest approximation to such a result. The whole frontier people on the west side of the Rio Grande are in full and active sympathy with the robbers. Nothing but a sound thrashing will quiet these turbulent cut-throats. L. E. D.

OUR COMING VISITORS.

Capt. Leathers' Hospitable Invitation to the Committees About to Investigate the Barataria Canal. STEAMER NATCHEZ, Vicksburg, October 3, 1877. Bronson Bayless, Esq., president Barataria Canal Commission, Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Sir--I hear that a committee of gentlemen from St. Louis, Cincinnati and Memphis will visit New Orleans to inspect the route of the Barataria canal, and the object of this letter is to tender them the hospitality of my steamer, should they select to come or return by river. I desire to express to them my hearty sympathy with, and propose to use my best efforts to foster this, the most beneficial enterprise that has been undertaken for the West and South within my experience--an enterprise, the consummation of which will swell the tide of commerce to such an extent that the bosom of our great river will swarm with the tonnage requisite for its work, and enhance in consequence beyond calculation the wealth, prosperity and extent of the population tributary to it.

With best wishes and congratulations upon your success thus far, I remain, very truly yours, T. P. LEATHERS.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Oct. 11, 1877. Capt. T. P. Leathers, Steamer Natchez: Permit me gratefully to acknowledge the receipt of your kind favor of the 9th inst., tendering to the committees of St. Louis, Cincinnati and Memphis the hospitality of your palatial steamer Natchez, en route to New Orleans to inspect the proposed Barataria Ship Canal. I am not yet advised as to what route or conveyance they will select, but if they accept of your kind offer we shall certainly avail ourselves of your generosity. I am happy to see the representative, experienced and practical men of this valley endorsing this, the greatest enterprise ever projected for the interests of the people of the West and South, the completion of which will result in untold benefits to the whole country. With considerations of the highest regard and in behalf of the committee, I am yours truly, BRONSON BAYLESS.

ENGLAND'S DANGER IN THE EAST.

The Turkishman Gazette says that the Khan of Khelat has entered into secret negotiations with the Ameer of Kabul, in order to make a combined attack upon the English; and that "the weak English garrison in Khelat is every moment fearing an attack." Major Sandeman occupies a strong position in Seal-cote. The same paper publishes a telegram from the Governor of the District of Semiretchinsk, according to which Hakim Khan who, after the death of Yakob Beg, had assumed the sovereignty of part of Kashgaria, in the territory of Akis and Karia, had entered Russian territory, in the direction of Issik-kul, with a force of one thousand men. Whether he was forced to do this by the advance of the Chinese from Turfan, or by the arms of Bek Kull Beg, the present ruler of Kashgar, is not known; but the country is now the scene of a civil war. The commandant of the Kashgarian fortress of Tschamuk has also fled to Russian territory with the troops under his orders.

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THE NUMBER OF DEMOCRATS DESIRE TO LET THE NECESSARY MILITARY APPROPRIATION BILL COME AT ONCE BEFORE THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, WHICH, AFTER PERFECTING IT, WOULD THEN REPORT IT TO THE HOUSE FOR AN IMMEDIATE VOTE, WHICH DONE, THEY WOULD ADJOURN.

There is a strong party in favor of a somewhat longer session for general business. Many Southern and Western members wish for an immediate announcement of all the standing committees, so that business may proceed as in regular session. A Kentucky member stated to-night that the very first call of States for bills would develop the fact that not less than twenty members were ready with bills providing for the repeal of the date of resumption of specie payments, and for the remonetization of silver. The principal effort will come from Ohio, under the lead of Mr. Thomas Ewing. On the other hand many Northern and Eastern members wish for the appointment of only the Appropriation, Naval, Military, Judiciary and Foreign Affairs committees, comprehending the immediate business of the House.

CONTESTED SEATS.

The Number of Contents in the House of Representatives. (Courier-Journal.) Garfield, Hale, Conger and Williams, of Wisconsin, were yesterday appointed by the Republicans of the House to look after the contests for seats involving members of their party. There are twenty-one seats contested in the House. From Alabama, Jere Harless (Rep.) contests the seat of C. M. Shelley (Dem.). From California, William A. Piper (Dem.) contests the seat of Horace Davis (Rep.); P. D. Wigington (Dem.) the seat of Emory Pacheco (Rep.). Colorado, T. W. Patterson (Dem.) contests the seat of J. B. Bedford (Rep.). Florida, R. H. M. Davidson (Dem.) contests the seat of W. J. Furman (Rep.); J. J. Finley (Dem.) contests the seat of Horace Blaise, Jr., (Rep.). Illinois, John H. Hunkate (Dem.) contests the seat of B. F. Marsh (Rep.), and B. L. Wiley (Rep.) that of William Hartzell (Dem.). Louisiana, the contest of C. B. Darrall (Rep.) J. B. Elam (Dem.) that of Geo. L. Smith (Rep.), and E. W. Robertson (Dem.) that of Chas. E. Nash (Rep.). Massachusetts, Benj. Dean (Dem.) contests the seat of W. A. Field (Rep.). Missouri, R. G. Frost (Rep.) contests the seat of E. S. Metcalfe (Rep.). Oregon, L. F. Lane (Dem.) contests the seat of E. Williams (Rep.). Pennsylvania, J. L. Nutting (Rep.) contests the seat of J. L. Rollay (Dem.). South Carolina, J. S. Richardson (Dem.) contests the seat of J. H. Rainey (Rep.); L. P. Carpenter (Rep.) contests that of D. W. Alken (Dem.), and G. D. Tillman (Dem.) that of Robt. Small (Rep.). Tennessee, Wm. Randolph (Rep.) contests the seat of H. Casey Young (Dem.); Virginia, Jos. Segar (Rep.) contests the seat of John Goode, Jr. (Dem.), and W. E. Hinton (Dem.) that of Jos. Jorgensen (Rep.). Small, of the Fifth South Carolina district, is in jail awaiting trial for bribery.

THE RED RIVER AND MISSISSIPPI RAILROAD COMPANY.

A railroad meeting was held in Shreveport October 13, in the interest of a railroad from Shreveport to Monroe and the Mississippi river. This meeting endeavored to get the North Louisiana Railroad Company to open its books and agree to complete the road to Shreveport, but were unable to come to any terms with it, and in consequence reported in favor of the organization of a new road, to be styled the Red River and Mississippi Railroad Company. A committee was appointed to draw up a charter, which will be submitted to the Legislature at its next session. The incorporators of the road are J. G. McWilliams, R. H. Howell, N. Gregg, R. H. Lindsay, S. P. McCutchen, Wm. Robson, W. J. Bruner, R. N. McKellar, Jos. Bolseau, J. J. Horan, L. A. Levy, J. M. Foster, S. J. Ward, J. M. Hollingsworth, A. Currie, N. C. Blanchard and W. H. Wise, of Caddo parish, La., and A. B. Gorge, of Webster parish, La. The charter provides for a railroad from Shreveport to Monroe, and thence to a point on the Mississippi river opposite Vicksburg; the capital stock is not to be less than \$25,000 nor more than \$1,000,000; the board of directors is to consist of fifteen members.

THE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

Nominations for House Officers. (Cincinnati Commercial.) WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.--The action of the House Republican caucus to-day, in presenting the name of Jere Busk, of Wisconsin, for a complimentary vote of his party for the Clerkship, does not augur that pacification in its full spirit has yet been accepted by the party which put Hayes in his office. Busk is an out-and-out opponent of the President, and has so publicly declared on more than one occasion. He was a member of the national Republican committee. His term of office in Congress expired March 4th last, and he was an applicant for the First Assistant Postmaster General's position, and failed to get it. He had the indorsement of the leaders of the party for the place now held by La Duc.

THE LENGTH OF THE SESSION.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.--The question of a long or short session is to be decided for the House by a caucus of Democrats to-morrow evening, which will consider whether the Speaker shall appoint all the committees, or none, or only a few.

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FOREIGN NEWS.

ENGLAND.

Steamer Lost. LONDON, Oct. 19.--The steamer Kilmington Hall, which was lost by collision with an unknown vessel.

ROME.

Cardinal Cafatini Dead. ROME, Oct. 19.--Cardinal Annibal Cafatini is dead, aged 66.

FRANCE.

Everything Uncertain and Everybody Apprehensive of Trouble. LONDON, Oct. 19.--A dispatch from Paris says: All who approach the official sphere explain: 'They are mad; they have lost their heads; they are dreaming of a state of siege, of a fresh dissolution of a dictatorship, of a plebiscite, more energetically managed elections, and of the so-called safety of the country at any price.'

Labor will await the action of the Chamber. If it shows an aggressive temper, a disposition to thwart the Cabinet, or force on them a dishonorable policy, consisting of the abandonment of his functions, and violation of solemnly contracted pledges, he will dissolve it again, and in the unlikely event of the Senate refusing its assent to dissolution, the Chamber will, if necessary, persist in dissolving the Chamber, being guided only by the public interest. He considers the elections show that France demands the republic coupled with order, and believes that she alone can give her both in some degree.

Excursion on the Jackson Railroad.--At the request of many patrons of the New Orleans, Jackson and Northern Railroad Company and the traveling public generally, the Sunday excursion train to New Orleans will be run once weekly, on Sundays, October 21. This is positively the last Sunday excursion train this season. W. P. McKinley, Superintendent.

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