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NEW YORK. Robbers arrested. The Manhattan Bank Robbers arrested. The Erie Court-martial.

OF UNUSUAL SIGNIFICANCE. The second provision of the first section of article two of the constitution of the United States is as follows: "Each State shall appoint, in such manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, a number of electors equal to the whole number of Senators and Representatives to which the State may be entitled in Congress; but no Senator or Representative, or person holding an office of trust or profit under the United States, shall be appointed an elector."

WASHINGTON. The Oklahoma Territory Bill to be reported to the senate. The Committee on Territories of the Senate held a meeting at the Arlington Hotel last night, at which they agreed to report a very important bill in regard to the Indian Territory.

JUDGE CASEY'S DEATH. WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The Court of Claims to-day adopted a resolution deploring the death of Joseph Casey, late Chief Justice of that court. The meeting was largely attended.

CONGRESSIONAL. The Senate. WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The Finance Committee have favorably reported the Senate bill to revise the statutes relative to bonds deposited with the treasury to secure the circulation of banks and associations, and to authorize the conversion of the national gold bonds.

MISCELLANEOUS. The Missouri Steel Bridge Washed Away. GLASGOW, Mo., Feb. 11.—The first span of a steel bridge erected here by the Chicago and Alton Railroad was washed away by the ice yesterday. The bridge is to be all of steel, and is the only one of the kind in the United States. It was hoped to have the first span completed before the river broke up, which

FOREIGN NEWS.

THE WAR BETWEEN ENGLAND AND THE ZULUS.

Cannon and Rifles Captured by the Zulus—The Town of Natal Threatened by Them.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—Public anxiety regarding the town of Natal which, according to advices from Cape Town is exposed to the attacks of the Zulus is increasing, and further intelligence from the Cape is impatiently awaited. The demand for newspapers to learn the latest news exceeds anything ever before witnessed here.

The officers participating in the council at the War Office to-day have prepared and submitted to the Cabinet a plan for reinforcing the British troops in South Africa. A dispatch from Cape Town states that the Zulus captured by the Zulus were of the Martin and Henry pattern, and the guns were seven pounders mounted on nine pound carriages.

The Battle with the Zulus. LONDON, Feb. 11.—Official dispatches to the government from Cape Town refer to the defeat of the British troops by the Zulus state that the engagement first opened a mile and a quarter from camp. A portion of the British column having been enticed away from the main body, the Zulus captured the entire camp, only a few of its defenders escaping.

Reinforcements for Natal. LONDON, Feb. 11.—The Cabinet has decided to dispatch to Natal immediately 5000 infantry and two regiments of cavalry, including the King's Dragoons and Seventeenth Lancers, two batteries of artillery, one company of engineers and four companies for army service and a hospital corps by steamer.

England Mortified by Her Defeat by the Zulus. DUBLIN, Feb. 11.—A London dispatch says: Never in the memory of the present generation has England been so mortified and chagrined as she now is, in consequence of the news of the defeat of her army in South Africa, and the killing of so many of her officers and soldiers.

The Amerer's Embassy. NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—A cable from Tashkent says that four Afghan ambassadors are expected there on the twentieth instant. They are the Amerer's nephew, the Grand Vizier, the Minister of Justice and the Minister of War.

A Spanish Man-of-War to be Sent to San Domingo. MADRID, Feb. 11.—The Spanish government intends to dispatch a man-of-war to San Domingo, to exact a heavy indemnity for the capture of that island by a Spanish steamer and shot by the San Domingo authorities.

A German Ambassador Recalled. BERLIN, Feb. 11.—The German ambassador at Copenhagen has been recalled.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION. Opposition to All Candidates Who Oppose a New Organic Law. A RICHMOND PARISH, La., February 8, 1879. To the Editor of the Democrat: I protest against the election of any man as a delegate for the constitutional convention who was opposed to the calling of that convention.

The Exonerat of Capt. Eads. (St. Louis Post and Dispatch.) The complete exoneration of James B. Eads by the grand jury is a matter of congratulation, less to the thousands of personal friends and admirers of the distinguished engineer than to the millions of citizens who are interested in the prosecution of his great work at the mouth of the Mississippi river.

A Democratic Conference. (Special to the N. Y. World.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—A meeting of a number of Democratic members of the Senate and House, most of whom were members of the Democratic Executive and congressional committees of the last campaign, was held to-night.

Secretary Sherman has told the Washington correspondent of the Cincinnati Commercial that he does not own a single Government bond, and as to national bank stock, he owns \$3000 worth in Mansfield, Ohio, and a little in Cleveland, and it happens he owned both before the banking act was passed.

How Hard Times Affect Postoffices. (Philadelphia Times.) A Mississippi man who wanted a contract for a couple of postal routes, and who had heard that "young and Grady were in the department, sent on \$2 as an inducement for the authorities to give him the contract.

The Social Problem in Washington. Mrs. Senator Bruce put the social problem to the fashionable ladies at the Riggs House called on Mrs. Bruce some time since, and left their cards. The hotel ladies all receive

together on Mondays in the public parlor. Yesterday, when their reception was its usual one, Mrs. Bruce (who is almost white) in an appearance with a lady friend, who is almost black, singling out the two who had left their cards, the newcomers engaged them in conversation a few minutes, and then left.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. A liquor bill punch bill is before the Legislature of Connecticut. Georgia has a newspaper called the Eatonton Broadside and Herald.

DESPERATE FIGHT WITH NEGROES. Chasing a Band of Them into the Woods and Exchanging Shots with Effect. PORT CHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 7.—Henry Hart, Wesley Hart, Alexander Banks and two others, names unknown, all charged with fighting among themselves in a saloon on lower Main street to-day, creating such a disturbance that a woman living in the house procured a warrant for their arrest.

Headricks, Ewing and Thurman. (New York Tribune.) It is announced from Indiana that all reports that Hendricks has lost his grip upon the party there are false and of evil origin.

The Tilden Movement. (Cincinnati Enquirer interview with Gov. Carey.) I tell you, Tilden is looking up. If he does not get the nomination himself, he will get it by proxy.

Corn vs. Oats for Horses. (Cor. of the New England Farmer.) The Austria government experimented on 1200 cavalry horses, which 1200 belonged to the artillery. Prof. Bruckmuller was employed to report on the matter, and his conclusions corroborate those of the Italian Minister of War, namely: that the substitution of maize for oats is not practicable for army horses.

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THE NECESSITY FOR VIGILANCE.

(St. Tammany Farmer.) As the time for holding the election of delegates to the constitutional convention approaches, candidates become more earnest and persevering in pressing the claims of "their man." We notice among the most energetic workers at present a number of "professionals" in party politics—men who, when the first favorable glimpse of an approach is seen, appear upon the political horizon, suddenly and very conspicuously assume the role of "everybody's friend," and as effectually subside as soon as the "returns" are all in.

It is well to be cautious. While there are doubtless good men in the field, it is nevertheless true that others may be acting in the employ of those whose interests would be damaged by the adoption of a constitution based on economy in public expenditures, or the abolishment of certain rings and monopolies. It would be idle to suppose that such institutions are not working to perpetuate their existence through the medium of our new constitution. Therefore, we say, be vigilant, and cast your vote for no man who is known to be a member of or friendly to any corporation or company which the honor and welfare of the State demands should be abolished.

Non-Partisan Candidates.

(Iberville South.) The time is drawing nigh for the election of delegates to the convention, and we should like to see as many non-partisan candidates as possible for our delegates who will represent the people on this occasion—men who are truly representative