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MR. CLEVELAND ACCEPTS.

HIS LETTER FINALLY MADE PUBLIC.

HE CORDIALLY APPROVES THE PARTY PLATFORM, AND PROFESSES REGARD FOR WORKINGMEN—A FEW PLATITUDES.

Governor Cleveland has finally made public his letter accepting the Democratic nomination for the Presidency of the United States. He approves the platform adopted in Chicago, gives a definition of what is government by the people, makes the usual Democratic allusion to "a horde of office-holders," touches lightly on the labor question, contends for the rights of the individual, favors improvement of the waterways of the country, delivers a homily on the duty of public servants, and promises that, if elected, he will be a good President.

TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S LETTER.

ALBANY, Aug. 19.—The following was received to-day by Colonel Lamont from Governor Cleveland, who is at Upper Saranac Lake, with instructions to make it public on its receipt:

ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 18, 1884.

GENTLEMEN:—I have received your communication dated July 28, 1884, informing me of my nomination to the office of President of the United States, by the National Democratic Convention lately assembled at Chicago. I accept the nomination with a grateful appreciation of the supreme honor conferred, and a solemn sense of the responsibility which, in its acceptance, I assume. I have carefully considered the platform adopted by the Convention and cordially approve the same. So plain a statement of Democratic faith and the principles upon which that party appeals to the suffrages of the people, needs no supplement or explanation. It should be remembered that the office of President is essentially executive in its nature. The laws enacted by the legislative branch of the Government the Chief Executive is bound faithfully to enforce. And when the wisdom of the political party which selects one of its members as a nominee for that office has outlined its policy and declared its principles, it seems to me that nothing in the character of the office or the recessities of the case requires more from the candidate accepting such nomination than the suggestion of certain well-known truths, so absolutely vital to the safety and welfare of the Nation that they cannot be too often recalled or too seriously enforced.

RELATIVE TO GOVERNMENT BY THE PEOPLE.

We proudly call ours a government by the people. It is not such when a class is tolerated which arrogates to itself the management of public affairs, seeking to control the people instead of representing them. Parties are the necessary outgrowth of our institutions; but a government is not by the people when one party fastens its control upon the country, and perpetuate its power, by cajoling and betraying the people instead of serving them. A government is not by the people when a result which should represent the intelligent will of free and thinking men is, or can be, determined by the shameless corruption of their suffrages.

When an election to office shall be the selection by the voters of one of their number to assume for a time a public trust instead of his dedication to the profession of politics; when the holders of the ballot, quickened by a sense of duty, shall avenge truth betrayed and pledges broken, and when the suffrage shall be altogether free and uncorrupted, the full realization of a government by the people will be at hand. And of the means to this end, not one would, in my judgment, be more effective than an amendment to the Constitution disqualifying the President from re-election. When we consider the patronage of this great office, the allurements of power, the temptation to retain public place once gained, and, more than all, the availability a party finds in an incumbent whom a horde of office-holders with a zeal born of benefits received, and fostered by the hope of favors yet to come, stand ready to aid with money and trained political service, we recognize in the eligibility of the President for re-election, a most serious danger to that calm, deliberate and intelligent political action, which must characterize a government by the people.

THE GOVERNOR AND WORKINGMEN.

A true American sentiment recognizes the dignity of labor, and the fact that honor lies in honest toil. Contented labor is an element of national prosperity. Ability to work constitutes the capital and the wage of labor the income of a vast number of our population; and this interest should be jealously protected. Our workingmen are not asking unreasonable indulgence; but as intelligent and manly citizens, they seek the same consideration which those demand who have other interests at stake. They should receive their full share of the care and attention of those who make and execute the laws, to the end that the wants and needs of the employers and the employed shall alike be subserved and the prosperity of the country, the common heritage of both, be advanced. As related to this subject while we should not discourage the immigration of those who come to acknowledge allegiance to our Government and add to our citizen population, yet as a means of protection to our workingmen, a different rule should prevail concerning those who, if they come, or are brought, to our land, do not intend to become Americans, but will injuriously compete with those justly entitled to our field of labor. In a letter accepting the nomination to the office of Governor, nearly two years ago, I made the following statement, to which I have steadily adhered:

"The laboring classes constitute the main part of our population. They should be protected in their efforts peaceably to assert their rights when endangered by aggregated capital; and all statutes on this subject should recognize the care of the State for honest toil and be framed with a view of improving the condition of the workingman." A proper regard for the welfare of the workingman being inseparably connected with the integrity of our institutions, none of our citizens are more interested than they in guarding against any corrupting influences which seek to pervert the beneficent purposes of our government; and none should be more watchful of the artful machinations of those who allure them to self inflicted injury.

RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

In a free country, the curtailment of the absolute rights of the individual should only be such as is essential to the peace and good order of the community. The limit between the proper subjects of governmental control, and those which can be more fittingly left to the moral sense and self-imposed restraint of the citizen should be carefully kept in view. Thus laws unnecessarily interfering with the habits and customs of any of our people which are not offensive to the moral sentiments of the civilized world, and which are consistent with good citizenship and the public welfare, are unwise and vexatious.

The commerce of a nation to a great extent determines its supremacy. Cheap and easy transportation should therefore be liberally fostered. Within the limits of the Constitution, the general government should so improve and protect its natural water-ways as will enable the producers of the country to reach a profitable market.

THE PUBLIC AND ITS SERVANTS.

The people pay the wages of the public employes, and they are entitled to the fair and honest work which the money thus paid should command. It is the duty of those intrusted with the management of their affairs to see that such public service is forthcoming. The selection and retention of subordinates in Government employment should depend upon their ascertained fitness and the value of their work, and they should be neither expected nor allowed to do unquestionable party service. The interests of the people will be better protected; the estimate of public labor and duty will be immeasurably improved; public employment will be open to all who can demonstrate their fitness to enter it; the unseemly scramble for place under the Government, with the consequent importunity which embitters official life will cease; and the public departments will not be filled with those who conceive it to be their first duty to aid the party to which they owe their places, instead of rendering patient and honest return to the people.

AN ALLUSION TO THE PUBLIC TEMPER.

I believe that the public temper is such that the voters of the land are prepared to support the party which gives the best promise of administering the Government in the honest, simple and plain manner which is consistent with its character and purposes. They have learned that mystery and concealment in the management of their affairs cover tricks and betrayal. The statesmanship they require consists in honesty and frugality, a prompt response to the needs of the people as they arise, and the vigilant protection of all their varied interests.

If I should be called to the Chief Magistracy of the nation by the suffrages of my fellow citizens, I will assume the duties of that high office with a solemn determination to dedicate every effort to the country's good, and with an humble reliance upon the favor and support of the Supreme Being, who I believe will always bless honest human endeavor in the conscientious discharge of public duty.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

To Colonel William F. Vilas, Chairman, and D. P. Lester, and others, members of the Notification Committee of the Democratic National Convention.

WORKMEN DEMANDING MORE PAY.

ITALIAN RAILROAD LABORERS ARRESTED—BRICKLAYERS DISSATISFIED.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

BALTIMORE, Aug. 19.—Work on the new Catonsville short line railroad has come to a sudden stop, due to the riotous demonstration of the Italian laborers employed in its construction against Young, one of the contractors. The Italians claimed that they were being swindled out of their pay and the contractors declare that all that was really due the men had been paid. The Italians claim that four months ago they were engaged to work at $1 50 per day, but Young says the amount stipulated was only $1 25. The first two months they were paid full rate, but last Friday the third pay-day, the men only received $1 25 per day. The Italians on Sunday went in a body to Young and demanded their full wages. Young said they drew revolvers and swore to kill him and when he drew his weapon to protect himself he was knocked down with a brick. He got away and reaching a county police station, secured a squad of officers and arrested the ring-leaders. The cases were heard yesterday, and the police magistrate committed the ring-leaders to jail, saying that he was sorry to do so as he knew the men had been ill-treated.

The masons at work on the various bridge abutments have also struck with few exceptions, because they are being under paid and all work is at a stand-still. Several workmen claim that Young paid them in counterfeit money, which charges are being investigated.

SUSPECTED WRECKING OF A TRAIN.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

BALTIMORE, Md., Aug. 19.—A horrible story comes from Salisbury, Md. It is that the accident last Friday on the branch of the New-York and Norfolk Railroad between Pocomoke and Accomac cities, when a construction train was thrown into a ditch and the engineer and fireman were fatally injured was due to the tearing up of the rails by persons living along the line of the road on account of a dispute about the right of way.

The railroad authorities deny this, but sufficient evidence has been obtained by the local authorities to warrant the arrest of one farmer at least, who has been known to make threats against the road upon several occasions, simply because he believed the damage awarded him insufficient. He was arrested and is confined in the Drummondtown jail for being concerned in the wrecking. Marks on the mud at the scene show the peculiar impression made by a patch on the sole of his shoe, which are put on with a common screw. Implements used by him also have been found.

LOUISIANA PROTECTION MEETING.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

NEW-ORLEANS, Aug. 19.—*The Evening Item* has this to say to-day concerning the sugar-planters' convention, which assembles in this city to-morrow under the call of the Association of Protected Industries, for the purpose of deciding the political course the Protected Industries Association should pursue:

A report has been brought to *The Item* that the machine politicians will endeavor to pack the sugar-planters' convention to-morrow, overwhelming the protectionist and disaffected element which inspired the gathering, and rushing through a resolution indorsing Cleveland and the Chicago platform. Any such attempt to gag the free utterance of the views of the representatives of Louisiana's industrial interests would prove be very unwise, and must recoil on the politicians who attempt the humbugging game. It would insure a concerted and aggressive movement in opposition to machine rule that we believe the managers are wise enough to foresee and will avoid provoking.

TRYING TO DISCOVER A BARNBURNER.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

GREENWICH, Conn., Aug. 19.—In February last at a special meeting the people of Greenwich voted to expend $500 to investigate the burning of Alexander Mead's barns and a reward of $2,000 was offered for the apprehension and conviction of the incendiary or incendiaries. The Selectmen were instructed to appoint a committee of three residents to make a report of what has been accomplished. The case was placed in the hands of Pinkerton's Detective Agency by this committee as soon as its members were appointed. The detectives finished their labors not long ago and the committee have made a report to the Selectmen of their doings. It is long and would take hours to read. It has not been made public. It is said that no new facts have come to light relative to the fire affecting David S. Husted, the defendant in the barn burning case now in the courts.

TWO HUNDRED PASSENGERS IN PERIL.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

BOSTON, Aug. 19.—A dense fog settled over the harbor late this afternoon, enveloping everything in darkness and rendering navigation almost impossible. The steamers Twilight and the Stamford, from Plymouth, met in the channel off Long Island at about 6 o'clock. The former vessel, which was going it is said, at full speed, struck the Stamford in the port side just forward of the wheel, and cut her almost to the water's edge. The Twilight backed and passed on, paying no attention to the whistles of the Stamford and the cries of her 200 passengers. The latter were rescued in safety by the steamer Resolute, which was near by, and were brought to the city in safety. No one was injured.

FUNERAL OF MRS. JAMESON.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

BALTIMORE, Aug. 19.—The funeral of Mrs. Hannah D. Jameson, wife of the late Dr. Horatio G. Jameson, founder of Wassing on Medical College and author of "Jameson's Cholera," who died in 1855, took place here to-day. She was eighty years of age and daughter of famous Captain Jesse Pearson, who commanded the privateer "Buccaneer," during the Revolution and made himself a terror among the British mercantile marine.

SUICIDE ON THE EVE OF MARRIAGE.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

ZANESVILLE, Ohio, Aug. 19.—John McCall, a painter, was found yesterday morning lying on the ground with two pistol shot wounds in the breast and two in the head. He was to have been married on Thursday, and a note was found in his pocket stating that his intended wife would know the cause of his crime. She had said something recently that offended him, and he left her saying that she would never see him again.

AN EXPRESS ROBBER ARRESTED.

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 19.—A. D. Sly was taken in custody here this morning for the robbery in September at St. Joseph, Mo., of $10,500 from the American Express Company while employed as driver of a delivery wagon. Sly has been here since last February, in the employ of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad, and to a reporter confessed his crime and said he had spent his money. He has a wife and two children. The prisoner goes back to Missouri without a requisition.

NO ONE KNOWS WHO DID IT.

HOPE, Ark., Aug. 19.—Deputy Sheriff Honegan started last night to arrest a band of horse thieves, and on arriving at Pink Allen's house, about six miles from the town, ordered Allen to come out. Allen immediately opened fire on the sheriff and posse, which was answered by several shots. This morning Tate Alsberry Forn, a farmer, was found dead at Allen's, two shots being lodged in the abdomen and one in the right temple. No one knows who did the killing.

NEW-JERSEY AND THE WORLD'S FAIR.

TRENTON, Aug. 19.—Manufacturers of this State met at the State House to-day in response to an invitation from Governor Abbett, to confer relative to an exhibition of New-Jersey's resources at the World's Fair. The Governor and all the State officers were present. Dr. C. W. Dabney, of New-Orleans, explained the object of the exhibition. Speeches favorable to sending exhibits to the exposition were made. A resolution was passed authorizing the Governor to appoint a committee of one representative of each industry that wants to take part in the exhibit.

STRYCHNINE NOT PROPERLY MARKED.

A PHILADELPHIA DRUGGIST CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL CARELESSNESS.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 19.—The coroner today reopened the case of Annie Carroll, age sixteen, who died on August 1 from the effects of poison in strychnine pills, which she had taken in fun. On the evening of the day previous to her death the young girl and several others who lived in the same house were sitting at the supper table, when one of them took one of the pills as she was in the habit of doing. The others bantered her and finally all present took a number of the pellets. The girl Annie Carroll died. Several others were made critically ill.

It was shown in evidence to-day that the druggist had, in violation of law, sold the pills without the proper "poison" label on the box. The jury returned a verdict holding the druggist responsible for Annie Carroll's death, and Charles W. Mengle, the drug clerk, who sold the pills, was held to await the action of the District-Attorney.

VINCENT L. BRADFORD'S WILL.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 19.—The will of the late Vincent L. Bradford bequeathes his entire estate to his widow, and directs that if she approves the property after her death is to be divided as hereinafter indicated; but if she should have disposed of any item of property, such specific bequest shall be inoperative, and the will shall be read as if such bequest was not contained in it. Subject to these provisions the testator gives his library of law books to Washington and Lee University, of Virginia, to be added to the books for which he had previously given the institution money. The entire collection to be called the Vincent L. Bradford Law Library. The testator's collection of paintings goes also to the Washington and Lee University.

HOBOKEN RECOVERS SOME MONEY.

TRENTON, Aug. 19.—James McMahon was Collector of Hoboken, and defaulted. He was dismissed from the office on March 13 last, when his balance in the First National Bank of Hoboken was $3,932 38. The right of the city of Hoboken to this money was disputed by his relatives, as well as by McMahon himself, and the corporation brought a suit in chancery to recover it. A special master took the testimony, which Chancellor Runyon has confirmed, decreeing that the bank pay the money to the Treasurer of Hoboken, he, in the court's opinion, being the legal custodian.

ANXIOUS FOR RAIN IN OHIO.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

CLEVELAND, Aug. 19.—The terrible heat of the last ten days has had the effect of drying up and withering all pastures. At the present time vegetation of all kinds is in a drooping condition. It is feared the crops will now fall short of the estimate given on August 1. The rivers and streams are all low, and a majority of the springs are drying up. The roadways through Central and Northern Ohio are covered with dust to the depth of several inches. The weather continues burning hot. No rains have fallen for about four weeks.

NOMINATED FOR CONGRESS.

WILKESBARRE, Penn., Aug. 19.—The Republicans of the Luzerne portion of the XIIth Congressional District met in convention here this morning. Joseph A. Scranton and H. M. Edwards, of Scranton, were put in nomination for Congress. After a stormy debate conferees were elected and instructed to unite with the Lackawanna conferees in nominating Joseph A. Scranton for Congress.

EAST SAGINAW, Mich., Aug. 19.—The VIIIth Republican Congressional District Convention met this afternoon and nominated R. G. Horr by acclamation.

PITTSBURG, Penn., Aug. 19.—The Republican conferees of the XXIVth Congressional District, composed of Washington, Beaver and Lawrence Counties, to-day nominated Dr. Oscar L. Jackson, of Lawrence County, on the fifth ballot. George V. Lawrence, of Washington County, the present incumbent, and M. S. Quay, of Beaver County, were also candidates. Jackson was nominated by the withdrawal of Lawrence in his favor.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Aug. 19.—A. G. Pierce, colored, was nominated at Greenville to-day, for Congress in the Third Mississippi District, or what is commonly known as the "Shoe-string District," by the Republicans, defeating the Hon. J. R. Lefloris, the present representative. It is thought that ex-Governor James L. Alcorn will be the Independent Republican candidate.

ASSAULTED, ROBBED AND MURDERED.

YORKTOWN, N.J., Aug. 19.—The fifteen-year-old daughter of Farmer Watson, living near Oakland, was sent to market yesterday. As she did not return before dark, a search was made for her. At 1 o'clock this morning her dead body was found in a thicket. An examination of the body showed that she had been assaulted and also robbed of what little money she had. Her basket for bonnet could not be found. No one was sent immediately to Squire Goforth, at Woodstown, who acts as coroner. The news spread like wildfire throughout the country, and searching parties went out for the murderer or murderers.

Later.—Two negroes have been arrested at Woodstown on suspicion, and a third is surrounded by a large party of men in a piece of wood and will probably be caught during the night. Great excitement prevails and it is feared the people will take the law into their own hands.

NO ELECTION LAW IN VIRGINIA.

RICHMOND, Aug. 19.—The special joint commission of the General Assembly, appointed to consider the election law of the State, reported to-day that it was a matter of great doubt whether any election law was now in force in Virginia, notwithstanding the decision of the Court of Appeals that the old law was restored, and they recommend the reenactment of the old election law, the law which has existed since 1870. The committee criticises the opinion of the Court, and says that the responsibility for the failure of the new law passed at the last session must rest with the executive, since both houses passed a bill striking out the objectionable words in the bill vetoed, and the executive thought fit to withhold his approval.

AN OIL CAR BURNED.

EASTON, Penn., Aug. 19.—A car filled with barrels of oil in a mixed train on the Jersey Central Road was set on fire below Bloomsburg, this morning, by a spark of a locomotive, and burned to the trucks. Other cars in the train were saved. The oil ran out on the tracks and warped the rails and burned the sleepers. All trains were held two or three hours. The heat was so intense that nothing could be done until the oil burned out. All the barrels exploded with a loud report, but nobody was hurt.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES—BY TELEGRAPH

FREIGHT TRAINS WRECKED.

LANCASTER, Penn., Aug. 19.—Two western-bound freight trains ran together this morning near Valley Creek, demolishing a caboose and several cars. The wreck caught fire and was consumed, together with an overhead bridge under which the wreck occurred. The tracks were blocked for five hours.

A FATAL DISEASE IN IOWA.

CHICAGO, Aug. 19.—A dispatch to *The Journal* from Des Moines says a disease having marked symptoms of cholera has appeared at Cantril, Van Buren County. The local physicians pronounce it to be "gray flux." Thirty-two cases are reported, one-fourth of which were fatal.

A COUNTERFEITER'S PUNISHMENT.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 19.—John Graham, who had pleaded guilty to having in his possession and passing counterfeit dollar pieces, and upon whose person $43 in counterfeit money was found, to-day received a sentence of two years in the Eastern Penitentiary and to pay a fine of $100.

A MARKSMAN HITS A LIVING TARGET.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Aug. 19.—Walter Root, about sixteen years old, was accidentally killed this morning by a ball from a pistol fired by Lewis C. Nolls, who was practising at a target. Nolls had twice struck the target, but at the third fire he heard a scream, and found Root lying in the road with a bullet in his right breast. He died in few minutes.

SENTENCED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 19.—John Wallace, who pleaded guilty to embezzling money from the Naval Department in Philadelphia while employed as paymaster's clerk, was sentenced to-day to pay a fine of $1,000 and to imprisonment for two years and six months in the Eastern Penitentiary.

DEPREDATIONS BY VAGRANTS.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 19.—A dispatch to *The Pioneer Press* from Casselton, Dak., says: Eight tramps took possession of this place yesterday, drove families out of their homes, and committed other excesses. Four of them were captured by the sheriff, but the others escaped.

A STREET CAR DRIVER MURDERED.

TOLEDO, Aug. 19.—Wilbur Plumb, a street car driver while at the lower end of the road last night, was shot and killed by a robber, whose intention was to secure the money box. The murderer escaped.

SHOT DEAD AT HIS OWN GATE.

LITTLE ROCK, Aug. 19.—One Parker, a colored man, rode up to the house of a white farmer, one Lawhorn, near Lone Oak, on Sunday, and called him to the gate. After a few minutes' talk Parker suddenly drew a pistol, shot Lawhorn dead and rode off. He has not yet been captured.

KILLED ON A RAILWAY HANDCAR.

HILLSBURG BRIDGE, N. H., Aug. 19.—This morning George Pritchard and George Nichols, were instantly killed while riding on a handcar, which came in collision with an engine.

FRANCE AND CHINA.

THE EMPRESS TO DECLARE WAR.

FRENCH PROPOSITIONS OFFERED—INSTRUCTIONS TO ADMIRAL COURBET.

LONDON, Aug. 19.—A dispatch from Shanghai of this date says: "Tso Tsung Tang and Shu Tseng Chen, the Chinese plenipotentiaries, have left Shanghai in accordance with instructions from Pekin. There is no prospect of settling the difficulty with France. Thirty-five members of the Board of Censors have presented a memorial to the Empress opposing the conditions offered by the French, and strongly urging hostilities. It is reported that the Empress has decided to declare war."

SHANGHAI, Aug. 19.—Sir Robert Hart, Inspector-General of Customs, has been recalled to Pekin, along with the plenipotentiaries.

PARIS, Aug. 19.—Orders have been sent to M. Patenôtre, the French Minister to China, and to Admiral Courbet, directing them to occupy the arsenal at Foochow if the French demands are refused.

THE EGYPTIAN CAMPAIGN.

LONDON, Aug. 19.—Officers will leave London to-morrow for Egypt provided with maps and plans of the route of the expedition to Khartoum. Earl Northbrook, the High Commissioner to Egypt, wishes a Mohammedan attached to his staff. An Indian judge has been detailed to accompany him.

CAIRO, Aug. 19.—The messengers of the Mahdi are not able in every instance to pass through the country with safety. An Emir sent by him with letters to the Mudir of Dongola fell into the hands of hostile Arabs, who murdered him.

VICTIMS OF THE CHOLERA.

BIRMINGHAM, Aug. 19.—A possible case of cholera has occurred in this city. At any rate a physician has reported to the coroner that a man who died here this morning was a victim of Asiatic cholera. The coroner has accordingly ordered an inquest.

PARIS, Aug. 19.—At Toulon there were two deaths from cholera last night. Fatal cases develop more rapidly, and death comes more quickly than at the outbreak of the epidemic. At Marseilles there were eight deaths last night.

MARSEILLES, Aug. 19.—The report of the ravages of the cholera in several departments of Southern France for twenty-four hours ending at 9 o'clock this morning is as follows: Herault 14 deaths, Gard 6, Aude 4, Eastern Pyrenees 20.

ROME, Aug. 19.—The bulletin of the progress of the cholera epidemic in Italy for the last twenty-four hours is as follows: Sebenga 2 deaths, Pancalieri 1, Villafranca 3, Bergamo 7, Massarara 2, Bergeto 3. The fresh cases reported were: Villafranca 3, Bergamo 16, Massacrara 11, Bergeto 3, Cuneo 12, Campomasso 2.

NEWS NOTES FROM LONDON.

LONDON, Aug. 19.

DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S FUNERAL.—The burial of the late Duke of Wellington took place to-day at Strathfieldsaye, where his residence was.

PRESENTS FOR THE QUEEN.—Three Abyssinian envoys have arrived in England. Among the gifts which they bring from King John to the Queen are an elephant and a large monkey.

GERMANY AND WEST AFRICA.

LONDON, Aug. 19.—An act of German aggression is reported to have taken place at Bagerda, on the Gold Coast, West Africa, where the British have a treaty with the natives. It is said that the German war ship Meewe recently visited that town, that the crew landed, removed the British flag and hoisted that of Germany.

Advices from West Africa state that Dr. Nightigall, the German commissioner, has appeared in a gunboat in the Rivers Cameroons and Bimbia, Upper Guinea, and hoisted the German flag.

THE MEXICAN CONSPIRACY.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 19.—A correspondent of *The Globe-Democrat* telegraphs from the City of Mexico that the rumor of Saturday last to the effect that four prisoners concerned in the recent conspiracy had been shot is unfounded. The son of General Chavarrias said he had seen his father yesterday morning, and that he had been brought back to his former place of imprisonment in that city. General Chavarrias sent a protest to the Government paper declaring he had never had the slightest connection with the conspiracy, and knew nothing about it before his arrest. Facundo Mejia, the most eminent among the alleged conspirators, is confined in the barracks in this city. It is generally believed by citizens here that some of the prisoners will be shot, but nobody knows yet who the victims will be.

FRAGMENTS OF CABLE NEWS.

PARIS, Aug. 19.—Heavy thunderstorms have greatly cooled the atmosphere.

PARIS, Aug. 19.—Seventeen workingmen were suffocated to-day at Bruoe, owing to an accident in the underground canal tunnel used to connect the rivers Oise and Aisne, in which they were employed.

ROME, Aug. 19.—The troops have captured six armed brigands in the environs of the city, after a sharp struggle.

LEIPSIC, Aug. 19.—The Grand Duke of Saxe-Weimar has granted the Abbe Liszt, the famous pianist, an annuity of $1,500.

THE HAGUE, Aug. 19.—The International Congress of Hygiene will convene here on August 21, and remain in session till August 27. M. Pasteur, the well-known scientist of Paris, and Dr. Stephen Smith, of New-York, are among those who are announced to deliver addresses.

BERLIN, Aug. 19.—It is believed that an opportunity will be made for Emperor William to meet Emperor Franz Joseph of Austria and the Czar of Russia together. It was arranged for at the recent meeting of the two Emperors at Ischl.

DUBLIN, Aug. 19.—The trial of the scandal cases was begun to-day before the Commission Court, and a jury. The jury in the French case failed to agree, and after three attempts to so do were dismissed. Corn sill pleaded not guilty. James Pilmar pleaded guilty, and the court deferred sentence.

PARIS, Aug. 19.—M. Hervé Mangon has presented a report to the Academy of Sciences concerning a recent balloon ascension at Meudon. The balloon was under the direction of Captain Renards, and although it moved against the wind it easily followed the course along which it was steered. It was then veered around and brought back to the point from which it started.

THE INSOLVENT PETERSBURG BANK.

PETERSBURG, Va., Aug. 19.—In conformity with the decree of the Hustings Court, in the case of Williams and others against the Planters and Mechanics' Bank, John C. Armistead, the commissioner, has prepared his report showing the face value of the assets to have been $452,473 64, among which are bills receivable, $369,590 02; overdrafts, $111,810 43. The estimated value of the assets is stated as $250,000.

The commissioner says that the Union National Bank of New-York, the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company, and the Citizens' Bank of Bellefonte, in this State, stated that they had obtained judgments as follows: The Union National Bank of New-York for $9,535 52; the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company for $19,213 14, subject to a credit of $375; and the Citizens' Bank of Bellefonte for $9,500 04; that the executions on said judgments had been issued and were now in the hands of the Sergeant of the city of Petersburg. These corporations claim priority over all other creditors of the bank. The report of the commissioner shows the liabilities of the bank to be $404,621 82. The commissioner further reports that the trustees of the bank can pay a dividend of about 12 per cent on second-class debts, after paying in full the first-class, namely the $1,469 36 due the city for taxes.

LIEUTENANT GREELY'S MOVEMENTS.

NEW-CASTLE, N. H., Aug. 19.—Lieutenant Greely and party, with a number of guests from the Hotel Wentworth, made an excursion to the Isle of Shoals to-day on the Government tug Leyden. On returning in a dense fog they had a narrow escape from a serious disaster, the tug running nearly upon Fort Point rocks. She is now safe in the lower harbor.

THE AUSTRIAN FLAG IN PITTSBURG.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 19.—The differences between the Austrian consul, Max Schamberg, and Chief of Police Braun has not yet been adjusted, and there is every prospect of the affair's assuming proportions which will render necessary the intervention of Mr. Frelinghuysen and Baron Ignatz von Schaeffer, the Austro-Hungarian Minister to the United States. Consul Schamberg refused to recognize the authority of Chief Braun in ordering the Austrian flag taken down, and says that if the latter forces the suit he will appeal to the Secretary of State. He considers it an insult to the flag, and is indignant.

RAIN DAMAGES WESTERN CROPS.

ST. PAUL, Aug. 19.—Reports from the general offices of the various railroads centring here show that the heavy rains for the past two or three days have caused some damage to the crops, especially along the line of the Omaha Railroad, south. On the St. Paul Division in Manitoba, numerous small washouts are reported, and most of the trains are delayed. A heavy rainstorm passed to the south this evening.

AN INFECTED BRITISH STEAMER.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 19.—At the meeting of the Board of Health to-day the lazaretto physician reported that he had detained the British steamship Amethyst from Havana and Matanzas to this port. He found that the assistant engineer had died of apoplexy when the vessel was two days out from Matanzas. There was one case of yellow fever after the vessel left Havana and two more when it arrived at Matanzas. These and another case of typhus fever were placed in a private hospital at the latter place. All those on board the vessel at present are in good health.

THROUGH NEW-YORK STATE.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHY.

RICHFIELD SPRINGS, Aug. 19.—The Summer School of Christian Philosophy is attracting much attention. Dr. Deems, the president, and Mr. Davis, the secretary, are here arranging for the school course of lectures, which began to-day with lectures by Professor Francis L. Patton, of Princeton. The other lecturers are Professors Tillett, of Vanderbilt University; Herrick Johnson, of Chicago; Davis, of the University of Virginia; Bishop Harris, of Chicago, and Professor Beecher, of Auburn. From correspondence with the Rev. Dr. Joseph Parker, of London, it is expected that he will deliver a lecture.

THROWN FROM A CARRIAGE AND KILLED.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

ALBANY, Aug. 19.—While Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Robbins, of this city, were driving down a steep hill from Berne to Knowersville this morning part of the harness gave way, and the horses dashed down the hill. Mr. and Mrs. Robbins were thrown out, and Mrs. Robbins struck on her head and was almost instantly killed. Mr. Robbins received serious injuries.

A PARSONAGE ROBBED.

TROY, Aug. 19.—Burglars last night stole from the Methodist parsonage at Cohoes silver spoons, cups, napkin rings, gold jewelry, clothing and provisions belonging to the Rev. J. L. Atwell's family. Mr. Atwell's trousers containing money and keys were also stolen. The family was awakened by the noise, when the burglars fled.

A MOTHER'S DEATH ON THE CARS.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

CHATHAM, Aug. 19.—Mrs. E. Eaton, of Syracuse, died on the cars between here and Pittsfield this afternoon. Heart disease was the probable cause of death. She was traveling with three small children, the youngest a babe.

NO LIQUOR AT THE CORNING FAIR.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

CHATHAM, Aug. 19.—The directors of the Columbia County Agricultural Society to-day voted to grant no privileges for the sale of intoxicating liquors, beer, ale or cider on the fair grounds at Corning fair. Numerous petitions to this effect were presented by temperance unions.

THE FIRE RECORD.

BURNING OF A CLOTHING STORE.

Flames were discovered soon after 4 a. m. yesterday on the fifth floor of the six-story iron front building, Nos. 628 and 630 Broadway, owned by Cohn, Ball & Co., manufacturers of clothing, who occupy the third, fifth and sixth floor. Much water had to be used in putting out the fire, and it caused the chief damage. On the floor where the fire raged, the firm had a stock of ready-made clothing valued at $125,000. While little of the stock was burned, most of it was damaged by water, involving a loss of $25,000. The damage to the building was less than $1,000. Other losses in the building amounted to about $5,000.

LOSSES IN VARIOUS PLACES.

POMEROY, Ohio, Aug. 19.—Fire here yesterday destroyed forty-two buildings. The loss is $50,000; insurance $30,000.

TROY, Aug. 19.—The Troy and Boston railroad depot at North Hoosac caught fire this morning from a spark from a locomotive and burned to the ground. The loss is $600.

WHISTLER'S COFFIN OPENED.

DELPHI, Ind., Aug. 19.—This morning the body of William Whistler, a member of the Greely party, was exhumed. Among those present were two physicians, Christian Whistler, the father, the aged William Whistler, grandfather, grandmother, half a dozen laborers and reporters. The graveyard is near Rockfield, three miles east of this place. The coffin was found filled with cotton waste. Whistler's body was bound in muslin and holding this in place was hemp cord. A heavy blanket was next the body. The head was covered with a cloth skull cap, with sealskin on the outside. The remnants of the mittens were on the hands. The face and trunk were in a good state of preservation. The red hair and beard easily identified him to his friends. All the flesh had been cut from the arms and legs. The right foot, which had been frozen, was not touched by the knife, and the left hand was cut only to the wrist. The breast was not touched, but every particle of flesh was stripped from the back. The physicians found nothing in the stomach.

AN ASTEROID DISCOVERED.

BOSTON, Aug. 19.—A cable message from the European Association of Astronomers to provide a college observatory announces the discovery of another asteroid (N., 239) by Dr. Palisa at Vienna. The following is the discovery position: Aug 18, 4.1.59 Greenwich mean time. Right ascension 22h 6m 25.4s; declination south 5° 40' 25". Its daily motion in right ascension is minus 12 minutes of an arc, and in declination south 7 minutes. It is of the 13th magnitude.

GREETING ARCHBISHOP RYAN.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 19.—The Catholic residents of Philadelphia have been making active preparations for weeks for the reception here of the new Archbishop, P. J. Ryan. He arrived this evening from St. Louis, a party of prominent Catholics going as far as Harrisburg to meet him. A reception was held this evening at his new residence and to-morrow at 10 a. m. the installation ceremonies will take place.

CALLERS ON PRESIDENT ARTHUR.

President Arthur attended to some private business yesterday forenoon and returned to the Fifth Avenue Hotel about 1 p. m., and was engaged during the rest of the afternoon in attending to official business and receiving visitors. Among his callers were Secretary Folger, Congressmen Thomas F. Oakes, of Texas, and J. E. O'Hara, of North Carolina; the Rev. Newman Hall, Sir Richard Temple, United States Marshal Joe B. Richardson, John R. Lydecker, Charles L. Miller, Charles E. Tiffany, Captain Vreeder, U. S. N.; Cornelius Van Cott, P. B. S. Pinchback, of Louisiana; Chairman A. S. Draper, of the Republican State Executive Committee, and Jacob Hess. In the evening the President went to the Casino with Charles E. Miller and Shipping Commissioner J. C. Reed.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

THE INSTRUCTION OF THE BLIND.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 19.—The American Association for the Instruction of the Blind met to-day in the Missouri School for the Blind. Over fifty delegates were present, representing more than twenty States. Dr. George H. Milner, superintendent of the Kansas Institute at Wyandotte and president of the association, occupied the chair, and Dr. B. H. Hunsicker, of Louisville, acted as secretary.

TRYING TO RUN UNDER A FALSE NAME.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 19.—John Ryan, of Nova Scotia, the sprinter whom George Seward, of this city, refused to run against in yesterday's International Tournament, has been identified as John Gideon, the famous English sprinter, who has the reputation of being the greatest short distance runner in the world, Hutchins excepted.

RELATIVE TO ARKANSAS STATE BONDS.

LITTLE ROCK, Aug. 19.—The German Bank of this city applied to the Governor to refund, under the Act of 1869, $22,000 of the State bonds issued in 1837, and due January 1, 1877. The Governor refused on the ground that the act was passed through bribery and corruption. He will refer the matter to the Legislature in December. The bonds are part of the undisputed debt of the State.

FAILURE OF STONE & CO.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 19.—A meeting of the creditors of James A. Stone & Co., coal operators, has been arranged, when it is thought the extension asked for will be granted. The liabilities are in the neighborhood of $300,000, and the assets are estimated at over $500,000.

THE UNION OF TELEGRAPH LINES.

HARTFORD, Conn., Aug. 19.—The special meeting of the stockholders of the American Rapid Telegraph Company, called in this city to ratify the pooling arrangement between the Baltimore and Ohio, the Bankers and Merchants' and the Postal Telegraph and Cable Companies, adjourned without action.

THE YOSEMITE MAKES GOOD TIME.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Aug. 19.—The steam yacht Yosemite arrived here last night from Newport with a large party on board. The average speed made was