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COTTON UP AND DOWN.

Market Closes Weak—Sales Estimated at 1,500,000 Bales.

The local cotton market yesterday was exceedingly active, with wide and erratic fluctuations. Prices went many points lower than on Tuesday, and closed only a little above the low levels of the day.

Denied by President.

CHAIRMANSHIP RUMORS. He Has Not Asked Any One to Take Hanna's Place.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The publication of numerous unfounded reports to the effect that the President has requested different prominent politicians to accept the chairmanship of the Republican National Committee led the President to make a sweeping denial of all such reports to-day.

FUSION BALLOTS GONE.

Election Inspectors Held on Testimony of Twenty-five Witnesses.

John J. McAuley, Charles E. Paul, William H. McCormick and Walter Debevoise, the four inspectors of the Twentieth Election District of the First Ward of Long Island City at the recent election, accused of making a wrong return of the vote cast in their district, were arraigned yesterday. Twenty-five witnesses testified that they had voted a straight fusion ticket in the district, although only six ballots of that kind were found in the box when a recount was made.

FURNES WOULD NOT BE CHAIRMAN.

Leaves Meeting Held to Organize Effort to Bring Democratic Convention Here.

A number of men gathered in the committee room of the aldermen's chamber of the City Hall yesterday to form an organization to try to secure the Democratic National Convention for New York. President Furnes of the Board of Aldermen said that any understanding that the meeting had been called by him was a misapprehension, but that he was in favor of having the convention here. When asked if he would act as chairman of the meeting Mr. Furnes refused and left the room.

CHRISTMAS SLED CAUSES INJURY.

Twelve-year-old Hero Crashes Into Tree to Avoid Running Down Girl.

Frank Bloom, twelve years old, of No. 204 East Sixty-fifth-st., went sliding in Central Park yesterday near Sixty-seventh-st., on the Fifth-ave. side, with the sled he had received on Christmas. A race was made up between Frank and another boy. Frank was ahead, when a little girl started to walk across the hill in front of the two racers. Frank struck his foot in the snow to steer out of the way, and the sled veered around and crashed into a tree. With his skull fractured, and unconscious, the boy was picked up and taken to the Presbyterian Hospital, where it was said he had a small chance of recovering.

NO "SOCIAL ADMINISTRATION" IN OHIO.

Colonel Herrick Says He Shall Live Quietly; His Son to Return to Harvard.

Cleveland, Dec. 30.—The hopes of a "social administration," beginning with the inauguration of Colonel Myron T. Herrick, were blasted to-day by the denial of the Governor-elect relative to the report that his son Farquhar would become a social leader. He said: "My son must earn his living, and work as I did. He will not neglect his studies at Harvard, where he is preparing himself for a business career, to become a social leader. He will attend the annual agricultural ceremonies, merely as a private in Troop A, of which he is a member, and will return immediately to Cambridge, where his family will be in the same simple manner that has been our custom here."

MISSISSIPPI HEIRISS MISSING.

Friends Think the Young Woman Has Been Kidnapped to Secure a Ransom.

Meriden, Miss., Dec. 30.—Police authorities of this and other towns are searching for Miss Ethel Revell, an heiress, who is believed to have been kidnapped to secure a ransom. She disappeared a week ago, and it has been learned that she had been shadowed ever since it became known that she had become an heiress. Miss Revell recently came into the fortune of Mrs. Minerva Binford, of Denver.

CONSUMPTIVES MUST BE OFF DUTY.

Police and Firemen with Tuberculosis in Infectious Stage to Have Chance to Recover.

At a meeting of the Board of Health yesterday, attended by President Lederle and Commissioner Taylor, a resolution was passed that no member of the Police or Fire departments is to remain on duty when suffering from tuberculosis in its infectious stage. This action was taken on the report of Dr. E. T. E. Marsh, chief surgeon of the Police Department, that seventeen policemen had tuberculosis.

STOCKHOLDERS ASK FOR A RECEIVER.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 30.—Stockholders of the United States Steel Company of Everett to-day petitioned to the Middlesex Superior Court for an injunction to prevent the sale of stock and for the appointment of a receiver, on the ground that the concern is insolvent. The petition was filed by Adam E. Ross, Jr., and Lydia Arle Ross, who also allege mismanagement against President Charles S. Miller and other officers. The company is capitalized at \$20,000,000 under West Virginia laws.

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WEAKNESS IN LIVERPOOL MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 30.—Cotton opened easy and apparently nervous, giving way three or four points. After that, amid some excitement, it advanced a point and closed at 10 1/2.

MERCHANTS' REBATES PROFITABLE.

Buyers Who Went to Baltimore Paid Back Half Their Fares.

Baltimore, Dec. 30.—That the system of granting rebates to merchants visiting this city has paid handsomely is shown in the report of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association for the year. During the early fall, while the system was in operation, 982 merchants registered. Of this number 85 were entitled to half of their fare returned.

DECISION ON FREIGHT LOSSES.

Company Liabé for Full Value of the Goods, Judge Decides.

Pittsburg, Dec. 30.—In the United States Circuit Court to-day Judge Acheson handed down an opinion in the case of William Doyle against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, which is likely to be far-reaching in its effect. Judge Acheson actually says that, under the present law, a railroad company, owned by James M. Matthews, is responsible for the full value of goods lost in transit, notwithstanding the printing or stamping of a clause on the face of the bill of lading calling for a maximum allowance for loss, unless the agreement as to the amount of the loss is made by the shipper and the shipper, and also an agreement as to the freight rate, and the signature of the shipper to the agreement.

PETITIONS IN BANKRUPTCY.

A petition in bankruptcy was filed yesterday in the United States District Court by William Ulmer, No. 118 East Tenth-st.; liabilities, \$1,400; assets, \$0. The principal creditor is Saul Stein, No. 14 West One-hundred-and-sixteenth-st., \$300.

TO IMPROVE THE CUSTOMS SERVICE.

Regulations Governing the Board of General Appraisers Amended.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Secretary Shaw has given notice of a series of amendments to the customs regulations of 1893 governing the operations of the Board of United States General Appraisers. The general intention is to simplify and expedite the progress of cases through the natural channels of the judicial system, and to insure the promptness of the judicial system.

SHUT OUT FROM ELLIS ISLAND.

Representatives of Immigrants' Boarding House Barred from Its Privileges.

Allan Robinson, Acting Commissioner of Immigration at this port, yesterday issued an order to the gatekeeper at the Barge Office to refuse to allow the representatives of the Austro-Hungarian Home, No. 14 Greenwich-st., to visit Ellis Island. The order barring this immigrant boarding house from the privileges of the island is the result of a recommendation made by Commissioner Williams some weeks ago. Commissioner Williams has since instructed that the order be issued to go into effect today.

BOSTON MAN GETS ALVORD REWARD.

Justice McCall, in the Supreme Court, yesterday decided that J. H. Atwood, of Boston, who sued Detective J. F. Armstrong, of the New-York police force, for the \$500 reward offered for the arrest of Cornelius L. Alvord, Jr., the defaulting official of the First National Bank, of this city, was entitled to it.

ORGANIZE TO BOOM WEBSTER.

Omaha, Dec. 30.—Representative Republicans of this State held a meeting to-day to organize a movement for the advancement of the candidacy of John L. Webster for the nomination for Vice-President. Resolutions endorsing Roosevelt and Webster were unanimously adopted.

CHICAGO'S CONVENTION BOOMERS.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Adams A. Goodrich, chairman of the committee formed to secure the National Democratic Convention for this city, to-day announced the names of more than one hundred well known men appointed to place Chicago's claims to the convention before the National Committee when it meets at Washington. The list includes National Convention delegates from Illinois, Mayor Carter H. Harrison, James H. Eckels, ex-controller of the Currency, and Franklin MacVeigh.

PLUNKITT TO OCCUPY OLD "OFFICE."

Elaborate preparations are being made for the moving of the office of State Senator Plunkitt on January 1, with the aid of some two hundred politicians, from the northwest corner of the basement rotunda of the County Court House to the northwest corner.

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