

WHAT Pennsylvania needs is an anti-discrimination bill that will prevent its lawmakers from visiting another State to have a good time at the expense of the taxpayers.

PRESIDENT HARRISON thinks of spending the next two months at the Soldiers' Home, near Washington, with his family. There is also talk of his buying a country house.

A BILL is before the Legislature to provide footwalks six feet wide along the roads and highways. The supervisors or other authorities are instructed to arrange for the same.

On Monday last, at New York, John L. Sullivan's backers met the representatives of Jake Kilrain and the final deposit in the stakes of \$20,000 for which they are to fight, was made.

It is said that a Japanese line of steamers will shortly be run on the Pacific coast, in opposition to the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, and that the agents appointed to make arrangements with the various Republics are already in possession of several concessions.

GOVERNOR DEWEES on Wednesday, issued a proclamation declaring April 30 a legal holiday and a day of thanksgiving and praise for a century of constitutional government. A general cessation of business is suggested in order that the people may have an opportunity for divine worship.

THE Rochester (N. Y.) Herald says: "When the chief official of sixty millions of people passes directly from the Executive Mansion to a private law office, and begins to work for his living again within two days from the time of his surrendering his immense power, the dignity of labor in this country receives a striking illustration."

THE steamship Denmark was sighted by the City of Chester on the 8th, inst., in midocean in a sinking condition. The vessel had been abandoned by the crew and passengers numbering about seven hundred people and it is supposed that they have been picked up by some passing vessel, but up to this time no news of their rescue has been received.

REPUBLICAN rule is getting to be synonymous with minority rule. That party has the President, though the Democrats got nearly 100,000 more of the popular vote. It has the Governor in Connecticut, though the Democratic candidate polled 1,400 more votes. It has now secured all the State officers, save one, in Rhode Island, though the Democrats polled 4,300 more votes than the Republicans. And it now holds the Legislature in New York, a State which has gone Democratic seven times in succession.

"I am amused," said ex-Senator Thurman to a Washington Post reporter, "at the Republicans who are finding fault with the President for not turning all the Democrats out in the six weeks he has been in office. That is the same way some Democrats talked about President Cleveland. That breeches maker from Philadelphia, Wanamaker, seems to be running the gullotine on full time. I am told he is a pious cuss. Piety is a good thing to have in an Administration, I suppose, but I am afraid I am drifting into politics."

By an order of President Cleveland the employes of the railway mail service were placed under the Civil Service law to take effect March 15. President Harrison at the request of the Civil Service commission, modified the original order extending the time to May 1. That date, it is now understood, will remain as fixed, after which no one who desires a position in the railway service can be appointed without first having passed the examination prescribed by the Commission.

THE Chicago Railway Age prints a table of railways under construction and projected in the United States in the first three months of 1890, showing that 14,800 miles of new road are either let to contractors or in process of completion, and that, altogether, 33,400 miles of railway are projected. It is no wonder that the Railway Age calls this a surprising exhibit. It is work cut out for ten years to come. The number of projected lines in Pennsylvania is set down at 35, with 1515 miles of track, of which 425 miles are under construction or contract.

ACCORDING to a decision just given by Judge Travers, of Iowa, says the New York Sun, under the anti-ligature law of the State, cider cannot be publicly sold there; for, as the Judge argues, "though it is at first a non-intoxicant, it produces intoxication when taken in large quantities." Whether makers of apple cider will be allowed to continue their business under the law has not yet been decided, but it may be inferred that their mills are illegal establishments. As yet, lemonade may be lawfully quaffed in the State of Iowa.

HISTORY RECORDS that when the British man of war Glorice was about to sink off the Cape of Good Hope the ship's band stood on deck and played "God Save the King." It may be that Admiral Kimberly remembered this when he ordered the band of the Trenton to play the "Star-Spangled Banner" as the gallant flagship was fighting vainly against wind and waves in the harbor of Apia. But whatever may have been his incentive Admiral Kimberly showed himself a hero and a patriot by this romantic deed. So long as the glory of the flag is intrusted to such men as Kimberly and his sailors America need not worry about her fame on the salt seas.

This recent reduction of wages says the New York Times in the mills of the Clark Thread Company near Newark and the strike caused by it recall some incidents of the Presidential campaign. The manufacturers of spool cotton thread are protected by a tariff duty of 14 cents per dozen spools of 200 yards each, which was equivalent in the last fiscal year to an ad valorem duty of 57 per cent. It was proposed in the Mills bill that the duty should be reduced to 40 per cent. Although by their own admission the manufacturers had been in combination for some years so far as prices were concerned, and had thus sought by preventing competition in prices to take all possible advantage of a high rate of duty, this rate remained unchanged in the Allison bill. Senator Sherman had declared that such combinations "may and ought to be met by a reduction of duty," but he conveniently forgot this when the bill was prepared in his committee.

About two weeks before the election the thread manufacturers professed to be greatly alarmed by the proposed change of rate in the Mills bill, although Congress had adjourned and everybody knew that the bill had not become a law and could not become one so long as the Senate should be controlled by the Republican party. On October 25 there was posted in the factories of the Clark Thread Company at Newark a notice that until further orders the mills would be closed all day on Saturdays and after 4 o'clock on all other working days of the week. It is said by the owners that this action had been caused by the Mills bill, although it was not explained in what way the bill could have had this effect. It was also said that similar action had been taken in the other thread factories that had been governed by "an understanding as to prices."

There was no indication that the consumption of thread had suddenly fallen off, and an impression prevailed among the employees that the reduction of the tariff had been made for political effect. The Chairman of the Democratic Committee of Essex county asserted that some of the employees had been threatened with loss of work if they should vote the Democratic ticket. There appears to have been a desire that the workmen should believe that they would suffer loss of wages if the party favoring a reduction of war tariff duties should win.

The party was defeated and the party that made and supported the Allison bill was successful, but this has not prevented a reduction of wages. It does not appear that a reduction is required by the condition of the business. Indeed, the company admits that it makes the reduction simply because the workmen affected by it have been receiving better wages than are paid to other workmen of the same grade in another city. The tariff has not been changed, the combination by which a high price for thread has been maintained has not been broken, but the manufacturers who were so solicitous for the welfare of the workmen when their votes were wont to be cast for or against the high duties that afford shelter for combinations have not been restrained from cutting down their wages.

It must be obvious says the Pittsburg Times, to intelligent observers that in certain respects the Republic has outgrown the capacity of the original machinery of the Government. For example, take the present mode of filling the offices. Every time there is a change in the party complexion of the administration a great and harassing burden is thrown upon the President. As the population has increased the burden has also increased until it has become an intolerable one. The filling of the offices under any circumstances is a work the magnitude of which was not contemplated by the framers of the Republic. They did not perceive the possibility of its growth, nor comprehend the immensity of the patronage that would be dispensed. No adequate provision was made for dispensing it, consequently the pressure on the President and the Executive Departments has become so great that how to relieve it is a practical question to-day. The election of Postmasters by the people is proposed as a means of relief.

If Postmasters, why not United States Marshals, District Attorneys and other officers now appointed by the President? To this there are objections, some of which are not so easily answered. If filling these offices by public choice is decided against, the question is none the less pressing. Would not a Commission appointed by the President and charged with the duty of filling all the offices, or different Commissions, among which the offices shall be divided, be an improvement on the present plan? This or some other way of relieving the President is becoming a necessity, if it is not so already. Not to refer to the magnitude of the power which the patronage places in the hands of the Executive, the labor of hearing and deciding on the claims of applicants for the offices is not compatible with the dignity and the other duties of the head of the government. It lowers the Presidential office; it has degenerated into an evil of enormous magnitude. To provide a remedy is work for statesmen.

ADVICES from Vienna state that the Empress of Austria has been attacked by the Wiltelsbach family malady, namely, insanity. She suffers from long spells of melancholic and enteric delusions, accusing herself of the death of Crown Prince Rudolph. She is possessed with ideas of suicide, thinking to leave the Emperor free to remarry. Sometimes she dandles a cushion or a pillow thinking it a new-born heir to the throne. The Emperor is greatly affected. He suffers from insomnia and has no zest for work, taking only a languid interest in State affairs.

THE Secretary of War has ordered the five batteries of artillery stationed at Fort McHenry, in Baltimore, to proceed to New York and participate in the Centennial celebration there on the 30th instant.

The Inauguration Centennial in New York

The 30th of April, 1789, will remain memorable as the initial date of the American Union; for on that day all the wheels of the new machinery of government began to turn with the inauguration in New York of George Washington as President. It is the centenary of that event which is to be celebrated in the metropolis, and the enthusiasm which is being manifested over the prospect of being, together with the festive preparations, indicate that it will be a noteworthy episode in the history of the Republic.

On September 17, 1787, the day on which the new Constitution was agreed to and signed, the Philadelphia Convention sent a letter to the President of Congress, in which he pointed out that it was obviously impracticable to secure all rights of independent sovereignty to each State, yet provide for the safety of the interest of all "under the Constitution which our new present is the result of a spirit of amity, and of that mutual defence and concession which the peculiarities of the political situation rendered indispensable." This Constitution, which was thus intended to promote the lasting welfare of the country, and secure to it peace and happiness, went into effect in 1789.

On the first Wednesday of that year elections were appointed in the various States, who voted for a President and the first Wednesday in February; Congress assembled on March 4, on April 30 the national cities were counted in the presence of both Houses, and on April 30 President Washington was inaugurated.

The official programme of the coming centennial celebration has involved in its preparation a vast amount of labor. So many interests had to be considered, and so many details to be attended to, that the commemoration poured in from all parts of the country, that the task of the committee was rendered extremely difficult. Not only the centennial had not escaped criticism; and yet it would seem as if its members had succeeded in providing for a most imposing display. A naval and military review, a parade of military organizations from nearly every State in the Union; an industrial and civic parade; open-air concerts, and the presence of the President of the United States, make up a programme that will fill the imagination of the people.

To provide for an influx of strangers such as may naturally be looked for will be no light task; but Philadelphia accomplished it when the centennial of the adoption of independence and the commemoration of the Constitution were commemorated, and the citizens of New York will doubtless show a spirit of emulation in their efforts to convey an impression of generally a more brilliant and more imposing celebration than that of the country have extended the time of their tickets for visitors from May 25 to the 30th of April, and to give five days after the close of the celebration itself for the transaction of business and for pleasure. Doubtless many people from this State will be among the visitors.

It is worthy of note as a matter of history that, although New York ratified the Constitution in the year 1787, the new Union, she did not choose electors for the first President. But Pennsylvania did, and she also contributed all the men to the electoral college. Among them were George Clymer, Thomas Fitzsimmons, and Peter and Frederick A. Muhlenberg, the last named the first President of the United States. It is fitting, therefore, that this Commonwealth, having been the scene of the two national conventions, should take part in an event which was the culmination of a long struggle and the carry into effect of a fundamental principle which has been declared to be the most wonderful work ever struck off in a given time for the brain and purpose of man.—Phila. Record.

The new Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Noble, of Missouri, has been extensively quoted as having said in a recent interview that whenever he was asked "an inefficient Democrat" he will dispute that it is the right as well as the duty of every Administration to move all inefficient officials out of whether they be Democrats or Republicans.

But when the Secretary says he will fill the places of incompetent Democrats solely with efficient Republicans, it is neither "common sense" nor in accordance with the law. The Civil Service law, which it is Secretary Noble's sworn duty to enforce, is neither Democratic nor Republican in filling a large proportion of the offices of his department. He may remove whomsoever he pleases, but he cannot remove an incompetent; but he will violate the law whenever he shall fill the vacant places with party grounds. The law distinctly forbids the making any political discrimination among those who have passed the civil service examination and hold certificates of fitness.

But doubtless Secretary Noble referred to those officials of the Interior Department who are not within the Civil Service law, and in this case the quoted remark was wholly irrelevant, since there is no question of efficiency or inefficiency in removing Democrats from the higher positions of the Interior Department which the civil service rules do not cover. In making removals from these positions and filling them with "efficient" Republicans, the only rule that the Secretary has yet recognized is that "to the victors belong the spoils." Why, then, does he insist that the truth of the spoils policy was a meaningless compromise?—Phila. Record.

The Birmingham Idea

The white Republicans of Alabama in organizing a white man's Republican party have very distinctly stated that the colored brother is better than his company—that no negroes need apply for admission to the select corps either as officers or high privates, but that every colored man who is tempted by a political party North or South. The veriest buffoons that ever camped on a more than willing to get the votes of the colored people, but these white Republicans organize with the main purpose of excluding the negro from participation in politics. It is said President Harrison is in sympathy with the movement, and will deal out the proceeds of the Birmingham meeting, on Wednesday last, a delegate who said he would not desert the main purpose of excluding the negro from participation in politics. It is said President Harrison is in sympathy with the movement, and will deal out the proceeds of the Birmingham meeting, on Wednesday last, a delegate who said he would not desert the main purpose of excluding the negro from participation in politics.

The Alabama incident simply illustrates a feeling which largely prevails in the South among the ruling race, the matter whether they call themselves Republicans or Democrats, or live North or South, is simply a matter of equal importance and will be so maintained, not to the oppression or wrong of the colored race but to their manifest advantage. The negroes are not engaged in operating the negro vote for selfish purposes as are fully committed to this policy as their Democratic neighbors in Louisiana, Georgia, Florida and Mississippi. The Birmingham movement, but the fact is incontrovertible its party has excluded the negro from participation in politics or profit in this State. They are merely regarded as so many head of "voting cattle." Northern Republicans apply a similar name to the negroes, and speak with cant and blarney to keep the "voting cattle" straight in line. 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