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IT is stated that Lord Salisbury is endeavoring through a neutral Power, to resume direct negotiations with Venezuela, proposing the appointment of a joint commission to delimit the disputed frontier.

THE Democratic National convention will be held at Chicago July 7th. Such was the decision reached on the 29th ballot by the national committee on Thursday of last week at their meeting in Washington after a spirited contest in which Chicago won a bare majority, with St Louis only two votes behind.

A GREAT many bills are being offered in congress to have the military record of soldiers of the late war "corrected." In other words soldiers, who are on the rolls as deserters, by having their records "corrected" will be in full sight of a pension. Congressman Hicks has offered five bills for the "correction of records."

THE house on Friday passed the pension appropriation bill to the consideration of which it had devoted the entire week. The clause in the bill changing existing law so as to allow widows to obtain pensions under the act of 1890 whose net incomes does not exceed $500 per annum was stricken out. The bill now goes to the senate.

THERE will probably be an unfavorable report upon the demand of the Territory of Arzonia for admission into the Union as a state. As to this particular matter the Grand Old Party finds itself fast in its own trap. The half-fledged birdlings it has coaxed in among the eagles have turned on their sponsor, and are dictating a financial policy to suit themselves. Arizonia will have to wait.

THE Baltimore grand jury in its report says: "There is in the city jail a whipping post, erected for the especial purpose of inflicting punishment to wife-beaters. This post has not been used for a long time but the jury are of the opinion that were such punishment oftener inflicted there would be but few cases of wife-beating, instead of, as at present, the many which were brought before this body."

AT the Fifth Avenue hotel in New York on Friday night, ex-President Harrison formally announced his engagement to Mrs. Dimmick, niece of his late wife. There was a crowd of newsmen about the hotel at 9 o'clock, when Col. Tibbetts, General Harrison's private secretary, handed them the following: "General Harrison authorizes the announcement that he and Mrs. Dimmick are engaged to be married, and that the marriage will not take place until after Lent."

THE state supervisor of natural gas, Mr. J. R. Leach, in Indiana, announces in his annual report that the gas territory is becoming smaller, and that the supply is gradually decreasing. This is not a mere matter of optnion with the supervisor, but a fact demonstrated with mathematical precision, as appears by his further statement that the average rock pressure is now 250 pounds to the square inch—a decrease of 95 pounds since natural gas was discovered, nine years ago. From this state of facts, and from other facts which had been set forth previously, the supervisor is of the opinion that "we have entered upon a period of decline, and that the supply will finally become exhausted."

SOME fears are expressed by Republican journals and business men that the horizontal 15 per cent. advance in tariff rates may in some instances operate to decrease revenue by making duties prohibitory and in others only increase the profits of trusts. Criticism of a measure never intended for any other than buncombe purposes is perhaps thrown away, but it is gratifying to perceive that not all of the protectionists would be willing to accept this hodgepodge, hit and miss, unconsidered attempt to deal with a matter of vital importance as a proper act of legislation. When it shall emerge from the test of senatorial consideration we doubt very much if Mr. Dingley will be able to recognize his first-born.

THE annual meeting of the state board of agriculture began its sessions in the supreme court chamber at Harrisburg on Wednesday with fifty-two counties represented by sixty delegates. After the election of officers reports were submitted by the heads of bureaus of the department of agriculture.

A resolution requesting congress to discontinue the distribution of seeds through the agricultural department was adopted. The board decided not to accept the annual appropriation of $1,000 made by the last legislature, the acceptance of which would legislate the members out of office in 1897. Arrangements were made for a meeting to be held at Ambler, Montgomery county, next October.

ASIDE from the leisurely manner in which the Venezuela commission is arranging to prosecute its work there are other indications that the administration has become convinced that this august body will not have the honor of settling the great boundary dispute. While it cannot be stated positively that this belief is based entirely upon any specific reports from Ambassador Bayard upon the subject, yet there is reason to believe some assurances of a satisfactory nature have come to the state department that the matter will be terminated shortly, probably within two months, or before a report reasonably can be expected from the Venezuelan commission, and upon lines that will be unobjectionable to our government.

A REPORT prepared by Secretary of Internal Affairs Latta, shows the taxes paid last year by the people of Pennsylvania for the maintenance of state, county, city, borough and township governments. The report contains returns from the commissioners of every county in the state except Schuylkill and is the most complete and comprehensive ever issued by the department on the subject of taxation.

The consolidated returns show that the total amount of taxes collected for the support of the poor was $1,593,755,-93. This amount is levied and collected directly and does not include all money expended for the purpose. There was appropriated during the year from the county treasuries for the support of the poor in counties having almshouses $742,664,06, which added to the amount collected directly makes a total of $2,-336,419,99. The amount collected during the year for the construction and repair of streets, roads and bridges was $9,019,185,77.

In the sixty-six counties making report it is found that the common schools have made necessary the levy and collection of $11,930,907,91. This does not include the amount received by the school districts direct from the state treasurer. The amount of taxes collected for purposes, other than those already mentioned, was $25,373,290,87. This includes the amount expended by the several boards of county commissioners for the support of the county governments. The counties making return collected $47,917,140,48 in taxes for all purposes during the year.

Under special subjects of taxation it is found that personal property has been made to pay $2,733,279,33. There have been collected on occupations taxes to the amount of $1,084,828,60. The total amount received during the year from licenses was $4,943,937,65. Of this amount Philadelphia collected $2,-484,181,56 and Allegheny county $993,-898,26.

The total amount of taxes for the year collected on the real estate of railway corporations was $741,293,66. Philadelphia and Pittsburg are the only localities in the state where real estate of railway corporations is subject to taxation for certain local purposes. The The taxes on real estate of corporations other than railways amounted to $1,-863,835,41.

MEMBERS of the Democratic national committee are authority for the statement that Mr. Cleveland has announced positively that he will not have a renomination. The men making this statement will not permit their names to be used. The statement has been made to their colleagues on the committee by two or three of the committeemen who are friendly to Mr. Cleveland and have talked with him on the subject that Mr. Cleveland voluntarily announced to them that he would not run for a third term and authorized them to let the committee understand this.

Mr. Cleveland is quoted as saying that he does not feel called upon to make an announcement in the newspapers, but would like his friends on the national committee to know his position. These confidants of Mr. Cleveland go further and say that if anything should occur to warrant his doing so, Mr. Cleveland will at the proper time make a formal announcement, taking strong grounds against a third term.

THERE is one fact, and it is all important, which must not be lost sight of in the discussion of the British claims against Venezuelan territory, and that is their changeable and unreliable character. The only rights she ever acquired in Guiana are those she obtained from Holland in 1814 at the time of the cession of that country. Even England does not claim any new acquisitions by treaty since then, and yet she has since that time claimed three separate and distinct boundaries, each one taking in more territory than the one that preceded it. The moment a few score or a few hundred Englishmen stepped across the boundary line, either for residence or for trade Great Britain promptly extended her protecting care over them by pushing her boundary fifty or a hundred miles into Venezuelan territory. This is how and why she is now trying to steal this big tract of country.

THE annual report of Secretary Edge, of the department of agriculture deals with the work of the reorganized department and outlines what is proposed to be done this year by each of the bureaus. Especial attention is directed to the efforts to stamp out the traffic in oleomargarine and adulterated food products. The result of action thus far proves that adulterations are largely confined to the substitution of lower-grade articles, for the purpose of enabling manufacturers and dealers to compete with other low grade goods. Cases in which materials injurious to health are used as adulterants are rare, and except in the case of the use of copper for coloring pickles, might possibly be attributed to accident rather than design.

THE Harrisburg *Patriot*, says Attorney General McCormick has collected $350 from the sureties of Henry Conn, of Johnstown, late captain of company H. Fifth regiment, under proceedings instituted by Adjutant General Stewart against Conn for misappropriation of the company's annual allowance. This is the first proceeding under the bond of a captain of the National Guard for the misappropriation of money. Two other cases of shortage are under consideration by General Stewart.

THE failure of the Florida orange crop has caused many remote countries to be drawn upon to make good the shortage. Oranges from the Holy Land have recently been offered for sale in Chicago. The fruit is light-colored, oval and carefully packed. It was grown near Jerusalem, and was in excellent condition when received in this country.

Washington Letter.

Washington, D. C., Jan., 18, 1896.—"Hurrah! for the winner." That's what all good Democrats are shouting to-day whether they are members of the national committee or just plain, every-day Democrats. This is only another illustration proving that "nothing succeeds like success." Yesterday when the Democratic National committee met to decide upon the time and place for holding the next national convention its members while practically unanimous as to the time for holding the convention, were divided as to which of the competing cities should be given the honor of entertaining the convention. To day, after a contest, which although spirited was good-natured from start to finish, they are all shouting, "Hurrah! for the winner" Let every Democrat hope that the same spirit will animate the delegates to the convention and that when the nomination is made every Democrat, north, south, east and west, will shout "hurrah! for the winner," and then take off his coat and go to work to make him a winner.

If the members of the national committe reflect the opinions of the Democrats of the states they represent, the old Democratic party isn't ready to pass in its checks just yet A more cocky set of men never assembled in Washington. They believe to a man that the Democratic party has a chance to revive its fortunes and to elect the next president, and that all that is needed is to put up a candidate who will unite the party and bring out the voters who have for one cause or another become disgusted and refused to vote. And they believe further that this can be done. It all depends upon the rank and file—the plain, every day Democrats. There are enough of them to carry this country. That has been repeatedly proven within the last twelve years, and can easily be proven again, but only by united action. Let every Democrat appoint himself a committee of one on the good of the party, and there will be—there can be no doubt of the result. If the Republicans elect the next president it will be solely the fault of men who believe in Democratic principles but do not live up to them.

Dr. Patten, president of Princeton college, was recently in Washington, for the special purpose of inviting President and Mrs. Cleveland to attend the celebration of the 150th anniversary of that institution. No official announcement has been made but there is reason to believe that the invitation was accepted.

Commissioner Lochren's report of the condition of business in the pension Bureau is an effectual answer to the slanderous slurs upon the administration of that office which are constantly made in certain quarters. It shows that on December 1. the business of the office was practically up to date. Since then the calls of congressmen, often nearly 1,000 a day, and largely unnecessary, have resulted in throwing the business behind.

Of the interior workings of the office the report say: "I am satified that the officers and clerks are bringing every effort to bear upon the prompt and proper adjudication of all the several classes of claims now pending. Cases that are ready for adjudication are promptly disposed of, and apparent delays are usually the result of negligence or inability on the part of claimants or their attorneys to supply necessary evidence, after being notified, often repeatedly, of the necessity for furnishing such evidence."

Senator Mills, of Texas, made a speech this week on his resolution, containing what he believes should be declared to the world as the financial policy of the U. S. This resolution contains seven distinct declarations, which may be summarised thusly: 1st, against retirement of outstanding legal tender notes; 2nd, in favor of the coinage of the silver bullion in the treasury; 3rd, in favor of the issue of emergency legal tender notes in case of a deficiency in the revenues; 4th, against the issue of interest bearing bonds; 5th, in favor of paying government obligations in both gold and silver; 6th, repudiating the theory that a public debt is a public blessing, 7th, urging the maintenance of a sinking fund for the rapid extinguishment of the national debt

Secretary Morton this week told a joint meeting of the house and senate committees on agriculture that his action in refusing to spend the money appropriated for the purchase of seeds for free distribution was, in a measure, due to abuses such as congressmen selling their entire quota of seeds which had cost the government about $300 for each quota for $75 each. He told the committees very plainly that he didn't believe the good accomplished by free seed distribution amounted to even a small fraction of what it cost.

The action of the British government in affording the same protection to Americans residing in the Transvaal republic that it does to its own subjects has been extremely well received in Washington and has done much towards restoring a friendly feeling towards the English.

Mr. Reed is allowing his house to indulge in some pension talk this week, on the regular pension appropriation bill, and the senate is discussing the free coinage substitute for the house bond bill. M.

Russia's Tit for Tat.

London, January 23.—A dispatch to the *Times* from St. Petersburg says that the czar has confirmed the budget. The navy for the next seven years is to have a total of 403,000,000 roubles, 57,500,000 roubles of which is for the current year increasing half a million roubles annually. Should foreign navies grow faster it is expected that these credits will be increased. The main object is to reply to the appearance of every new English battleship, and especially of the cruiser type, by the production of a Russian one of equal or superior power.

The Berlin correspondent of the *Times* believes the government has already abandoned the idea of introducing a special measure to increase the navy, finding that there is no likelihood of support for it.

After 30 Years.

Trenton, N. J., January 21.—After living for 30 years the life of a hermit, David Hammell, of Hardwick township, Warren county, has again taken his place at home with his family. He is an enthusiastic Republican, and during the Republican campaign 30 years ago had a disagreement with his wife. She was a Democrat in spirit.

During the campaign of Marcus L. Ward, Hammell worked for him night and day, and this led to the disagreement. He remained home until after Ward's term expired, and then said he would leave home if Ward's successor was not a Republican, and would stay away until a Republican was elected He lived alone, and went home to-day on account of the inauguration of John W. Griggs as governor.

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Three Skeletons Found.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., January 20.—A rumor was started to-day to the effect that three skeletons had been discovered in the old workings of the Diamond mines, formerly operated by the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal company, though idle for the past ten years.

Superintendent Morgan was seen this afternoon and said he had heard of the rumor but was unable to confirm it. He will to-morrow send a party of miners into the old working, and if the skeletons are found they will be brought to the surface. The rumor started from a statement made by Peter Wahbill, who is now in prison for shooting Krupsavage at Georgetown last week, in which he claims that he had killed a man some months before and hurled his dead body down the deep shaft of the Diamond mine. If the skeletons should be found they are probably those of foreigners who were murdered for their savings and their bodies hidden in the dark recesses of the mine.

The sensational story of the finding of the skeletons has caused no little excitement in the neighborhood of the mine. For a long time past men have been missing after having accumulated sums of money, and it is now thought that an organized band of thugs are at the bottom of these mysterious disappearances, and conceal their bloody work in the inner workings of abandoned mines.

District Attorney Fell has been notified, and, with the aid of the county detectives, the matter is to be thoroughly sifted.

A Catastrophe Narrowly Averted.

Hazleton, Pa., January 20.—A frightful catastrophe was narrowly averted on the Lehigh Valley railroad here to-night. The Wilkesbarre express train approached Sugar Loaf, one mile east of here, just as the tracks began to sink into a coal mine. Engineer Michael Lonzer sized up the situation and with great presence of mind put on a full head of steam. The earth dropped for eight feet and there hung over the abyss. The engine made the leap in safety taking the train with it, but jumped the track on the outer edge. The engine then toppled over, pinning the brave engineer beneath it and crushing his life out. Fireman Fred M. Eyer sustained a fractured skull and may die. Brakeman Seiwell was thrown through a window. All the passengers, about seventy-five in number, were badly shaken up, but, as far as can be learned, none were seriously injured. The earth has since dropped out of sight.

Killed by a Toe Corn.

New York, January 19.—Captain Benjamin H Warford, 64 years old died this afternoon in St. Vincent's Hospital, under peculiar circumstances. Captain Warford was troubled with a painful corn on the small toe of his right foot. He became his own chiropodist, and about three months ago applied a patent corn salve to the afflicted spot. Instead of giving relief, the alleged remedy produced an inflammation, which rapidly extended.

It soon became apparent that virulent blood poisoning had set in. Then the sufferer was removed to the hospital. Every effort was made to hold the disease in abeyance and bring the patient's condition up to a point where he could safely undergo an operation.

He grew steadily worse, however, the poison finally taking complete possession of the sufferer and causing death.

Great Avalanche in Alaska.

Port Townsend, Wash., January, 18.—A vast avalanche of snow swept down from the mountain tops into Silver Bow basin, near Juneau, Alaska, killing John T. Pearl and destroying a quartz mill and other property worth $40,000. The avalanche came with such a force as to sweep the ground clean of all buildings in its path five miles. It struck the protruding point of a mountain, carrying away millions of tons of rock and earth. Many unoccupied miners' cabins were swept away, but fortunately the occupants were absent spending the holidays in Juneau, otherwise many deaths would have resulted.

Russia Remains Neutral.

St. Petersburg, January 19.—Russia's policy at the present moment is steadfastly to avoid being drawn into any combination or complication with Armenia, Germany, England or Abyssinia, but to keep the oriental question ever the foremost.

The *Novosti*, commenting on the friendliness of the English press, says: "We esteem her high civilization, but we see the defects in her policy, which is purely egotistical. An alliance could be used only to her, not to us. France and Russia must remain neutral."

The *Viedomost*, says: "Russia must confine herself to the orient."

A Farmer Suicides.

Wilkesbarre, January 19.—George B. Lodge, a wealthy farmer residing in Hanover township, committed suicide early this morning by hanging himself to a beam in an ice house located on his farm. The deceased was sixty-two years of age. The cause is said to be regret over his defeat for the nomination for supervisor in a caucus meeting held last night. He left a note to his family saying that he regretted to leave them in this manner and directed them how to conduct his financial matters and his funeral.

Rescued by a Brave Woman.

New York, January 22.—Mary, wife of Charles Sharp, a fisherman of Port Jefferson, L. I., last Sunday night saved Henry Deickmen and Frederick Kraemer from drowning. They were crossing the ice at Conscience Bay, about two miles long and a mile and a half wide, in a blinding northeastern snow storm. When the men were about half way across, the ice gave way and they fell in the water. Mrs. Sharp heard their cries, and, guided by the the noise, made her way to the spot, walking about a mile and a half over rotten ice and rescued them by means of an eel pole.

AT a railroad cutting at Bixlers, three miles from Lewistown, Pa., Lawrence Moist was thawing dynamite over a fire on Wednesday morning when the stuff exploded. Moist was killed, John Wade, colored, was fatally hurt and ten others injured.

NEWS AND OTHER NOTINGS.

—William Smith and James Frazier, Jr., were shot, near Quicksand, Ky., by George Smith, through a quarrel over a girl.

—Dr. James R. Harvey, of Wyoming county, W. Va., was shot and killed from ambush, as supposed, by James Allan, who has been arrested.

—Charles H. Anderson, a discharged soldier, cut his throat in a train near Frankfort, Ky., saying he preferred death to dishonor and stripes.

—At a party near Jeffersonville, Ky., Len Faulkner shot at George Bowling. The bullet missed Bowling and killed William Kennedy, the host.

—Ex-President Harrison formally announced his engagement to Mrs. Dimick, at Fifth avenue hotel, New York, Friday, and wedding will take place after Lent.

—A young Italian named Antonio Miacocco, of Robertsdale, Huntingdon county, was fatally burned by the explosion of a can of powder on Thursday, of last week, death resulting next day.

—Arthur Clarkson, of the Baltimore baseball team, went ice boating with two others on Saginaw bay, Mich., on Thursday, and has not returned. They have probably gone through the ice.

—The borough of Brisbin, Clearfield county, which fifteen years ago was full of life and bustle, is now almost deserted. Good residences can be bought for a song and hundreds of houses are empty.

—Only fifty miles of new track were laid on the Pennsylvania between Jersey City and Pittsburg last year. Of this amount 4.07 miles were put down between Rockville and Cove, and 4 88 miles between Tyrone and Altoona.

The report of the Huntingdon reformatory was was filed Wednesday at the state department for the last six months of 1895. It shows the population of the institution is 485 and that the reformatory methods are proving successful.

—Theodore Snyder, of Cogan Valley, Lycoming county, who was accidentally shot in the shoulder by his son, and who afterward had the wounded arm amputated, died in the Williamsport hospital on Friday. He was 40 years old.

—Robert Vance, a retired carriage builder, dropped dead on the streets of Harrisburg on Thursday of last week. It was several hours before his body was identified, owing to his death occurring in the western part of the city, a long distance from his home.

—The comptroller of the currency, Jas. H. Eckles, has issued a circular to the 3800 national banks urging them to aid the government in popularizing the 4 per cent. bonds soon to be issued by calling the attention of their patrons to the desirability of it as an investment.

—Peter English and a Chicago capitalist have completed an organization to manufacture aluminum clay brick at Buchanan, Mich. The factory has a capacity of 40,-000 brick daily. The aluminum bank is 90 feet deep and covers 12 acres, enough for thirty years steady work.

—Over 1,000 liquor saloons in New York will be closed by the decision of the Court of Appeals that drinking houses must not be located within 200 feet of a church or school. Julius M. Mayer, counsel of the excise board, has advised the board that all licenses in conflict with this decision are invalid.

—Andrew Harter, of Coburn, Centre county, has a flint-lock rifle which has an interesting history. It is 116 years old, was the property of Melcher Schreckengast, of Sugar Valley, and with it were killed 167 deer, 76 bears and one panther. It is remarkably well preserved considering its age.

—The Navy department will advertise during the coming week for bids for armor plate for the Kentucky and Kearsarge. There has been some delay in preparing the advertisement, owing to the senate investigation of armor plate contracts, but the papers have now been prepared. It is likely that the specifications will demand the reforging process, which has been pretty thoroughly tested.

—Harry Holland, assistant postmaster at Monongahela, Washington county, was arrested Thursday and committed to jail in default of $2,000 bail on a charge of robbing the mail. Complaints of the non-delivery of letters containing money had been made to the authorities, and Holland was caught by a decoy letter. He admitted his guilt. The accused is a son of John Holland, the postmaster at Monongahela.

—A traveling salesman named J. M. Fagan, from Cincinnati, O., and W. J. Welsh, a bartender of Cumberland, Md., were returning from Frostburg on Friday night, driving a two-horse team, and when about five miles from the city, the horses ran away, throwing the men from the buggy, killing Fagan and perhaps fatally injuring Welsh. One of the horses was also killed. The affair has created great excitement there.

—Jennie Robenstine, the fifteen-year-old daughter of Elias Robenstine, the postmaster at Robenstein, a small office in York county, Pa., has been arrested for opening letters addresed to young ladies of the neighborhood, and submitting blank sheets for the enclosures. The girl was admitted to bail for an appearance before the federal courts at Philadelphia. none of the letters contained money, and curiosity in regard to their contents is supposed to have been the girl's motive for opening them.

—"Deerfoot" the famous Indian long distance runner, died on the Cattaraugus reservation in New York, on Sunday. His proper name was Louis Bennett, the name "Deerfoot" being given him for his prowess in running. He was born on the reservation in 1828. In 1861 he went to England where he defeated the English champion runners. In 1893 he returned to this country and took part in races in New York and Chicago, defeating all comers. His greatest record was made in London, where he ran 10 miles in 52 minutes.

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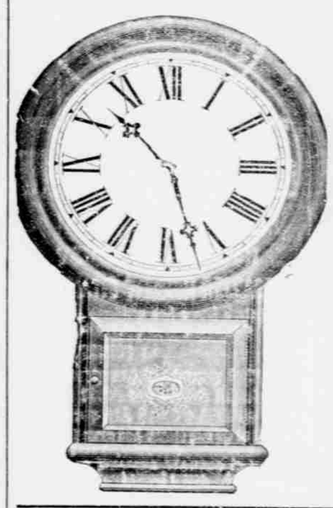

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