LATE NEWS BY WIRE

Spokane Cut Off From Railway Communication for Hours.

NO TRAINS TO SEATTLE YESTERDAY

Working Hard to Save Mt. Vernon, Wash., From Destruction.

FLOOD IN THE NORTHWEST

SPOKANE, Wash., November 17.—Spokane has been practically cut off from railway communication with the outside world for twenty-four hours. No Northern Pacific trains ran either east or west yesterday.

The trouble on the Rocky Mountain division prevented the west bound overland from arriving and the carrying away of a span of the Natchez river bridge, near Yakima, prevented any train arriving from the west.

The Great Northern is laid up in a similar manner, and has run no trains since yesterday, except one as far west as Leavenworth. Traffic to the Couer d'Alene country is suspended by reason of the high water.

SEATTLE, Wash., November 17.—Not a railroad train reached Seattle yesterday, but the railway managers claim that they will be able to get trains out today. West bound trains on the Canadian Pacific were reported last night as getting through.

Superintendent Riton of the Great Northern wired here that between two and three miles of track was under water near Sultan. No estimate of damage can be made until the water subsides. Reports from all points on the Northern Pacific show that the rains have ceased and snow is taking its place.

There were four inches of snow at Black Diamond. The conditions are regarded as favorable and railroad men are hopeful.

A Post-Intelligencer special from Mount Vernon says the present flood in the Skagit valley is the worst in its history. The whole valley is under water, and great damage will ensue to the farmers through loss of hay, stock and fences. Between Mount Vernon and Laconner is submerged, while to the south there is one vast lake. At Mount Vernon the water is fifteen inches higher than ever known, and the town was saved only by great exertions of the citizens. The dykes were manned all of last night, and it was not until this morning the flood began to recede.

A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Kelso says the Cowlitz river is higher than ever and still rising. All log booms have broken loose and millions of feet of logs and thousands of cords of shingle bolts have gone. The valleys of the White and Black rivers are covered with water, and the loss to farmers will be large.

ANCHORIA'S SHAFT BROKEN.

Fortunate There Was a Duplicate on Board of the Fractured Section.

NEW YORK, November 17.—The steamer Mobile, Captain Layland, which arrived this morning from London, brings the news that the Anchor Liner Anchoria, from Glasgow for New York, is anchored in latitude 40.40, longitude 70.59, having broken her shaft. The Mobile sighted the Anchoria yesterday and bore down to her and asked if assistance was required. Captain Wilson of the Anchoria said he did not need assistance, as the engineers were then engaged in placing an extra length of shafting in position; but he requested Captain Layland to give a passage to New York to his purser, Mr. Matheson. Captain Layland consented and Mr. Matheson was sent aboard the Mobile in one of the Anchoria's life boats. At Quarantine this morning Mr. Matheson said the Anchoria had beautiful weather and a prosperous voyage until 6:30 Sunday evening, when the shaft snapped without warning. An examination showed the break to be in a length of which a duplicate was carried on board, and the chief engineer reported to Captain Wilson that he would be able to make repairs and might expect to be ready to proceed this evening. Accordingly, Captain Wilson ordered soundings to be made, and finding only thirty-five fathoms, he anchored the ship. The passengers were inclined to make merry over the affair when they understood that there was no danger, and only the possibility of forty-eight hours' delay. The Anchoria left Glasgow on November 5 and Moville November 6. She had on board 18 first cabin, 178 second cabin and 52 steerage passengers and a full cargo. All the passengers are well.

The White Star Line freight steamer Tauric left her dock this morning about 8 o'clock for Liverpool. A dispatch received at 10:20 from Sandy Hook says that the steamer appears to have touched bottom on the south side of Gedney channel, where she has been for twenty minutes without being able to move herself.

A dispatch from the observer at Sandy Hook at 11:23 a.m. states that he signaled the Tauric, asking if she required assistance, and the answer was: "No; expect to get off at flood tide." High tide is at 5:32 this afternoon.

SUICIDE NEAR PORT TOBACCO.

Gwynn P. Oliver of Charles County Cuts His Throat.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

LA PLATA, Md., November 17.—Gwynn P. Oliver, a member of the grand jury of the circuit court, cut his throat with a razor early this morning at his home, Rose Hill, near Port Tobacco. He was seen kneeling in the field a short distance from his home by a young man on the place, who approached and found him praying.

Mr. Oliver told the youth to go and get him some tobacco, and when the boy returned he was lying down with his throat cut almost from ear to ear, the windpipe being entirely severed. Two physicians are in attendance, but although still alive they say that it is impossible for the unfortunate man to recover. No cause can be assigned for the rash deed.

The would-be suicide said when first approached that he had nothing against any one, but trouble caused him to do the deed. Mr. Oliver is in good circumstances, and has many friends in this county and in Washington.

NOT "BRYAN" CLUBS.

The Late Candidate Suggests "Silver" or "Bimetallic."

KANSAS CITY, Mo., November 17.—Wm. J. Bryan, in a statement printed in the Times, urges the formation of clubs to continue the fight for free silver during the next four years. To avoid jealousies that might arise, he suggests that such clubs refrain from naming themselves for him, merely calling them a silver or a bimetallic club. "The cause," he adds, "is greater than any man and will travel upon its own merits."

READING REORGANIZATION.

Officers Elected—Capital Stock Fixed at Twenty Millions.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., November 17.—The Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company reorganized today by the election of a president, a secretary and six directors. These officers were elected: President, Joseph S. Harris; secretary, William R. Taylor; directors, George F. Baer of Reading, Charles H. Coster and Francis Lynde Stetson of New York and George C. Thomas, Thomas McKean and John Lowber Welsh of Philadelphia. The capital stock of the company was fixed at $20,000,000, to be issued in four hundred thousand shares of fifty dollars each. The officers elected will serve until the first Monday in May, 1897.

Hanna Goes to Canton.

CANTON, Ohio, November 17.—National Chairman M. A. Hanna is in Canton this afternoon with General Osborne. President-elect McKinley went to the depot in the family carriage to meet the visitors. This is the first time the President-elect and the national chairman have met since election.

THE SOUND MONEY MEN

Speculation as to the Permanence of the Alliance.

Silver Men Think Gold Democrats and Republicans Will Part—Mr. McKinley's Task.

It is the prediction of some of the silver men that the alliance between the sound money democrats and the sound money republicans cannot hold together much longer; that it will go to pieces as soon as it strikes the tariff question. How, the silver men ask, can men like Mr. Carlisle and men like Mr. McKinley co-operate in the matter of taxation, when on the one side is advocacy of free trade and on the other advocacy of high protection? The tariff is likely to be taken up ahead of the currency question, and the hope of these silver men is that by the time the tariff is disposed of so much bad feeling will have been engendered between the free traders and the protectionists that a union after that on anything will be impossible.

But there are some very observant and experienced men who take no stock in such talk. They are silver men, too. They rather look for the other thing. Their fear is that the alliance for a long time will hold good for everything. They are looking for a compromise on the tariff question. The bare fact, they think, that the question of revenue will go ahead of the currency question insures moderation on the tariff. Men expecting to work together so soon afterwards on the currency question will see the necessity of avoiding too sharp antagonism on the question of taxation.

It is likewise suggested that since the campaign of 1892, when the two parties were at antipodes on the tariff question, some important history has been written. And that history, rather than past party platforms, will be the basis of future negotiations. Revenue reformers with the Wilson bill charged up against them cannot now stand out against protection as a principle, while Mr. McKinley himself, it is recalled, stated several times during the campaign that his party was committed to no particular schedules. As this makes it certain that the McKinley bill will not be offered again, and as both sides now are in effect protectionists, the more anxious of the silver men see nothing that promises disruption to the sound money coalition. The revenue reformers may not accept the tariff bill of the republicans, but it is hardly likely to be of a character to seriously offend them, or prevent cordial co-operation on other measures.

It is conceded, too, that Mr. McKinley will be a powerful factor in the White House in the interests of good feeling. He is a promoter of that article. He has patience and tact and much good fellowship. He knows, personally and intimately, the leaders of both parties, and even the men who differ from him in opinion the most radically hold him in very high regard. He will take office with a full sense of the difficulties in his path. He will try hard to surmount them all. His pride, of course, will be fully aroused, and with the prestige of his great office he ought to be able to do great things in the way of bringing and keeping men together. He knows all about tariff bills and a good deal about currency bills, and as President he will be consulted about every important move made by his party friends in Congress.

Consultations, indeed, as the silver men note, have already begun. That is to say, Mr. McKinley is already receiving by mail suggestions about the situation and assurances of good wishes and support from unexpected sources. People who voted against him, now that he is to be President, are tendering friendly sentiments. And very naturally. Success for the new President means prosperity for the country, and only the most extreme of the silver men appear to hope that so little can be accomplished during the next four years that free coinage will have an easy thing of it in 1900.

MR. WILLIAMS HURT.

Struck by a Street Car While Riding a Bicycle.

Mr. John C. Williams of the New York Herald's bureau in this city was painfully but not, it is thought, dangerously hurt by being struck by an electric car of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company on East Capitol street between 1st and 2d streets at 10:45 o'clock this morning. From eye witnesses of the affair it was learned that Mr. Williams was riding on his bicycle on the space between the two tracks, going west, and was talking to his wife, who was in a train going in the same direction. At the moment of the accident a wagon was driven so that it got in Mr. Williams' way, and in turning to avoid a collision the latter ran directly against a car going east. The motorman stopped his car as quickly as possible, and before it had run more than a few feet further, but the force of the collision was so great that Mr. Williams was thrown a distance of about fifteen feet and rendered insensible.

As soon as Mrs. Williams saw that her husband was struck by the car and before it could be stopped she jumped from the train and was thrown to the ground. The noise of the impact and the sight of two prostrate human forms on the pavement served to create much excitement and to attract quite a crowd.

As quickly as possible Mr. and Mrs. Williams, the former in an unconscious condition, were picked up and carried into the residence of Dr. G. W. N. Custis, No. 110 East Capitol street, where their injuries were dressed. An examination revealed that Mr. Williams was severely but not dangerously cut in several places about the head and face, and that while Mrs. Williams was but slightly bruised, she was suffering greatly from nervous shock. Dr. Custis told a Star reporter that there was no probability that Mr. Williams' injuries would result fatally. After remaining at Dr. Custis' house for a couple of hours they were removed to their home, No. 151 D street southeast.

This is the second time that Mr. and Mrs. Williams have been hurt by a street car, the first being about two years ago, when while riding on a 14th street car a collision occurred between it and a Chevy Chase car. On that occasion both Mr. and Mrs. Williams were hurt.

His Head Cut.

Samuel Burgee, very much under the influence of liquor, suffering from an ugly cut in the back of his head, was taken to the Emergency Hospital by the police this afternoon. He had been found on the pavement in front of the American House. There was a large crowd attracted there by the sight of the wounded man, and it was stated that he had been thrown out of the hotel saloon. The wound in his head was sewed up, and he will probably be able to leave the hospital when he gets sober.

School Contracts.

An interesting question affecting a contract has just arisen. Some time ago the District advertised for bids to erect a school house on the Conduit road. The lowest bidder was Beers & Co. While the bid was accepted, a contract was never signed. In the meantime, one of the partners, Mr. Kirby, died, and then the question arose, would the signature of Mr. Beers, the surviving partner, be sufficient. It is understood the Commissioners will cancel the unfinished contract and make out another, giving the work to the surviving partner.

Could Not Attend a Banquet.

Owing to the fact that he is engaged in the preparation of his annual message to Congress, the President has been compelled to decline the invitation to attend the annual banquet of the New York chamber of commerce this evening.

National Statistical Association.

The regular monthly meeting of the National Statistical Association will be held in the reception room of Columbian University, corner H and 15th streets northwest, on Wednesday evening. The following paper will be presented: "The Farmer and the Measure of Values," by Mr. Henry Farquhar.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES.

Annual Local Conference in Session Today.

The annual session of the Washington conference of Congregational churches is being held today in the People's Congregational Church, M street between 6th and 7th streets northwest.

The exercises began at 10 a.m. with a devotional service. In the absence of the president, Mr. John Hess of the Second Church, Baltimore, Rev. Dr. J. K. Mason of Herndon, Va., was elected moderator pro tem. Mr. John B. Sleman, jr., of Mt. Pleasant Church, Washington, was secretary.

There was a good attendance of delegates, every church belonging to the conference being represented. After the appointment of a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year, the program prepared by a committee appointed for that purpose at a previous meeting made their report, which was adopted.

The subject of "The Workers' Outfit" was then taken up. It was divided into subheads as follows:

"For deacons," Rev. M. Ross Fishburn, speaker; "for trustees," Prof. A. H. Skinner; "for Sunday school superintendent," Rev. A. P. Miller; "for Sunday school teacher," Mr. J. F. Johnson; "for C. E. worker," Rev. A. Reoch; "What Characterizes An Ideal Choir?" Mr. A. E. Hosmer.

The delivery of the above addresses and the discussion which followed on them occupied the attention of the conference up to the hour of recess for lunch.

Upon reassembling this afternoon Rev. Dr. S. M. Newman will, after devotional exercises, make the annual address, "Congregationalism: In Its Beginnings, in Its Principle and What It Has Done for Education," will be discussed in the order named by Rev. S. N. Brown, Rev. C. H. Crawford and Prof. J. L. Ewell, D. D. During the session the Lord's Supper will be administered by Rev. H. W. Ballantine, D. D., and Rev. Adam Reoch.

The program for this evening's session comprises: Song service and devotional; addresses on "Is Congregationalism Adapted to All Classes of People?" by Rev. J. H. Jenkins, and "What Is the True Relationship Between the Pastor and His People in a Congregational Church?" Prof. Isaac Clark, D. D.; discussion thereon and election of officers for the ensuing term.

SUITS ENTERED.

Legal Echo of the Recent Big Storm.

An echo of the recent severe storm that caused the fall of the west wall of the Abert building, on Pennsylvania avenue near 12th street, demolishing the structures in which were located Kelley's cafe and Beatty's restaurant, was heard late this afternoon, when Thomas M. Kelley filed suit at law in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia to recover $10,000 damages, the defendants named being William Stone Abert, Architect Glenn Brown, David T. Cissel, John A. Schneider and Charles F. Schneider.

Mr. Kelley, in legal verbiage, charges the defendants with erecting the Abert building carelessly, negligently, in an unworkmanlike manner and of insufficient materials and workmanship, and did not so guard, brace, anchor and protect the same to prevent it from being blown down.

Moses P. Rice, the photographer, this afternoon entered suit against the same defendants to recover $25,000 for the same reasons.

Attorney Henry E. Davis represents both Mr. Kelley and Mr. Rice.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT CASE.

Closing Arguments in the Hearing Before Judge Cole.

On behalf of the United States Electric Light Company, Mr. Jere M. Wilson this morning addressed Judge Cole in the hearing of the company's efforts to have the District Commissioners permanently enjoined from contracting with the Potomac Electric Power Company for lighting certain streets and avenues in the city east of Rock creek, and also from permitting the Potomac Company to occupy said streets and avenues for such purpose.

Mr. Worthington will follow Mr. Wilson, and the argument may be finished today.

GOLDSMITH DISCHARGED.

The Alleged Insane Fugitive From Pennsylvania Goes Free.

The hearing of the habeas corpus case of Isidore L. Goldsmith of Philadelphia against Maj. Wm. G. Moore, superintendent of the District police force, was resumed before Judge Hagner today. Goldsmith was arrested here at the request of the superintendent of the Norristown (Pa.) Insane Asylum.

Goldsmith, in his answer, denied that he is insane.

The hearing was a prolonged one, and late this afternoon Judge Hagner granted the petition and directed Goldsmith's discharge from custody.

DAN WILLIAMS' DEFALCATION.

The Sum Taken Amounts to Nearly Twelve Thousand Dollars.

Nearly three months have elapsed since the arrest of Policeman Daniel Williams, who made collections of fines in the Police Court in District cases as the representative of the police department, and late this afternoon Auditor Petty submitted to the Commissioners the result of the investigation of the officer's accounts. This report shows a deficit of between $11,000 and $12,000, much more than the officer's friends imagined.

EDITOR CONN'S CASE.

Expelled From the Order by the General Assembly, K. of L.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., November 17.—At to-day's session of the general assembly of the Knights of Labor, the principal business was the report of the committee on appeals and grievances in the case of the Washington Times and its editor, C. G. Conn, ex-Congressman from the thirteenth Indiana district. He was expelled from the order and placed on the unfair list.

The committee on the state of order reported a plan for extending the organization, which will not be given to the public.

It is expected the election of officers will come up tomorrow.

NO NEWS FROM THE FRONT.

Rumors at Havana Regarding the Insurgents' Movements.

HAVANA, November 17.—No news, official or otherwise, is obtainable here concerning the movements of Captain General Weyler and his army, which is supposed to be in pursuit of the insurgent forces under Antonio Maceo in the province of Pinar del Rio. No news from a Spanish force in the field, as a rule, means bad news, and the insurgents are making the most of the situation by circulating reports of Spanish defeats.

In truth, however, there seems to be ground for the belief that the captain general has not met with the success he anticipated, and, while he is reported to be moving along the northern part of Pinar del Rio, Antonio Maceo is said to be south of him and not far from the trocha, or military line, which would indicate the possibility of the insurgents turning the Spanish flank and making it difficult for the captain general to return to Havana.

This, however, is conjecture, no news being allowed to leak out from the offices of the headquarters staff in the palace.

From a private source this afternoon it was said that Maceo, hitherto understood to be occupying positions between Candelaria and Artemisa, had moved south of the former town, going westward toward the mountain of Guane.

Another rumor has it that he is pushing a strong force through the swamp south of the trocha. Both reports are given for what they are worth.

On the other hand, it is no longer denied that the insurgents have captured the two quite important owns of Cascorro and Guaimara, in Puerto Principe, as intimated some time ago in these dispatches, in spite of official denials to the contrary, and there is no doubt that an insurgent army of about 10,000 men is advancing upon the city of Puerto Principe, capital of the province of that name.

Congressman-Elect Giles Dead.

SHELBINA, Mo., November 17.—R. P. Giles, Congressman-elect from the first Missouri district, died at noon today. The funeral will be held at Palmyra Thursday morning.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Important Session of the National W. C. T. U.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Delegates Stirred Up Over a False Report From Washington.

"WOMAN'S BIBLE" DEPLORED

ST. LOUIS, Mo., November 17.—This, the next to the last day's session of the twenty-third annual convention of the national W. C. T. U., was the most important of any yet held, as officers for the ensuing year were elected.

The early morning prayer meeting at Schuyler Memorial House was followed by the convention in Music Hall, which was called to order by the president, Miss Willard.

The report of the executive committee was adopted, with slight changes. It provides that the field fund be placed in the hands of the superintendent of organization to be used for the field work and organization, under the direction of the superintendent of organization and general officers; that state presidents and national superintendents shall not be listed as national organizers; that the matter of an application for the national organization be referred to the superintendents of organizations in conjunction with the other general officers, and recommends that the Loyal Temperance League be made a branch department on the payment of the usual dues, with a superintendent and general secretary.

The following resolution was adopted without much debate: "Resolved, That while we recognize the right of women to make commentaries on the Bible, as men have done from the beginning until now, we regret that the name 'Woman's Bible' has been given to any volume, and we further deplore the misapprehension of the press, secular and religious, in styling this commentary on those parts of the Bible relating to women as 'A new version of the Scriptures.'

"We further disclaim any connection whatever of our society or of our national president with this work."

A number of letters and messages of greeting were read, one being from Clara Barton of the Red Cross Society.

The final report of the credentials committee showed that forty-five states are represented in the convention, with 395 delegates and officers, consisting of all the general officers, many of the department superintendents, vice presidents, state officers, national organizers and evangelists and editors of state papers, &c.

A delegate announced that it was reported that the house in Washington in which Abraham Lincoln died was to be turned into a saloon. This caused a flutter of excitement and a protest from many present. As a result a resolution was adopted memorializing Congress to take the necessary action to prevent it.

The next order of business was the election of general officers for the ensuing year. Mrs. Stevens, vice president at large, taking the chair.

While the ballots were being distributed and collected, Rev. Wilbur Crafts of Washington made a short characteristic address to the ladies. There being no opposition, all the officers were re-elected as follows, with headquarters in Chicago: President, Frances E. Willard, Illinois; vice president at large, Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens, Maine; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Katherine Lente Stevenson, Massachusetts; recording secretary, Mrs. Clara C. Hoffman, Missouri; treasurer, Mrs. Helen M. Barker, Illinois.

The house in which President Lincoln died is now the property of the United States government, the deed having been recorded only about a week ago.

THE THIRD DAY'S SESSION.

National Council of Jewish Women in New York.

NEW YORK, November 17.—Promptly at the appointed hour the third session of the first annual convention of the National Council of Jewish Women opened today, with Mrs. Hannah G. Solomon in the chair, and a goodly attendance of delegates and visitors. The session was given over to three of the more important standing committees, reports from which were read by their chairmen. First was the report of Miss Julia Felsenthal of Chicago, chairman of the committee on religion. One purpose of the council, the report said, "was to arouse the interest of American Jewesses in Judaism, its literature, history and the Bible."

"We have lost," it continued, "the reverential spirit that pervaded the every action of our ancestors. That spirit cannot be restored, but it may be substituted by a nobler pride.

"We believe especially that the central plane of our work must be to strengthen the pivotal point of our religious activity, to help to energize the waning interest in divine worship.

"We are endeavoring to change a dormant spirit of apathy into a desire for knowledge."

The national committee on religious school work, Miss Julia Richman of New York, chairman, was the second to submit its report.

"I claim for our committee," said Miss Richman, "not only the key to the permanent usefulness of the National Council of Jewish Women, but the key to the permanence of all true, earnest, spiritual judaism."

Chief among the defects of the present Sunday school system, according to Miss Richman, are the improperly-trained teachers, a complicated plan of work, lack of co-operation between parents and the school, and absence of spiritual aims at home. She recommended, among other things, the formation of infant and post-confirmation classes, the establishment of normal classes for the training of teachers and the introduction of a more spiritual tone in the Sabbath schools.

INSPECTING THE OREGON.

Examining Into Her Readiness for Active Work.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 17.—The members of the United States battle ship Oregon's inspection board, which had been ordered by the Secretary of the Navy to inspect and report on the fitness of the vessel for active work, convened on board the ship yesterday. The inspection will cover a period of several days, two of which will be at sea.

$25,000 OFFERED.

The Bohemian Club Wants to Bring Corbett and Fitzsimmons Together.

NEW YORK, November 17.—A communication was forwarded today to Corbett and Fitzsimmons by C. Henry Genslinger, president of the Bohemian Sporting Club of this city, offering $25,000 for a twenty-round contest to take place in New York city in the latter part of January, 1897.

Bicycle Collision.

There was a bicycle collision this morning at 8th and E streets, in which considerable damage was done the wheels, but very little to the riders. Dr. Hopson, an employe of the general post office, while on his way to his office got off the machine he was riding at the corner above mentioned, and just as he did so a wheelman came around the corner, going fully at the rate of eighteen miles an hour, as Mr. Hopson and his friends state, with such headway that he could not make a short turn. He ran into the machine of the post office clerk, which was standing near the curb. While the machines were both injured the bicycle of the scorching wheelman, who it is claimed was Policeman Robertson of the bicycle squad, was smashed and wrecked badly. The matter will be investigated. Dr. Hopson, who has but one leg, rides a three wheeled machine.

DISTRICT GOVERNMENT.

The Lighting Contract.

The fight for the contract to light the streets of Washington between the United States Electric Lighting Company and the Potomac Electric Power Company is on in earnest and the outcome is watched for at the Commissioners' office with more than ordinary interest.

It has developed that Commissioner Ross did not sign the answer of the Commissioners to the injunction, and, further, that the special counsel, Mr. A. S. Worthington, was appointed during his absence from the city.

The question has been raised concerning the compensation that Mr. Worthington was to receive for his work on the case. It seems no understanding was reached between the Commissioners and that gentleman, the former following the general rule of the Attorney General's office in making no bargain. There is no appropriation from which a special attorney can be paid, and the Commissioners will be obliged to ask for a deficiency appropriation to pay his bill.

Some people are disposed to question the policy of the Commissioners in employing special counsel in this case, claiming that the attorney's office of the District was competent to defend the suit.

There is, however, but one of the assistant attorneys who would be available for the case, and that is Mr. Mason N. Richardson. Both the attorney for the District and his assistant attorney, Mr. A. J. Duvall, have already expressed their opinion on the merits of the case and embodied their views in a lengthy opinion to the Commissioners, in which they hold that the Potomac company has no just claim to the contract. So it would be manifestly improper, they think, to participate in the case. It was upon this showing that the Commissioners employed Mr. Worthington as the special attorney to represent the interests of the District.

Some Orders.

The Commissioners today ordered: That lamps on Harvard, Princeton and Roanoke streets between 13th and 14th streets be moved to new curb line; that lamps on I street southeast between 9th and 11th streets be moved to new curb line; that lamps (gas) be erected and lighted as follows—Two in 13th street between Kenyon and Kenesaw streets, two in Kenesaw street between 13th and 14th streets, two in 13th street between Columbia and Harvard streets, one corner 13th and Harvard streets, three in Harvard street between 13th and 14th streets, one in Yale street between 12th and 13th streets, two in Roanoke street between 13th and 14th streets; that lamp post in G street southeast between 11th and 12th streets be moved to new curb line; that 245 feet of six-inch main be laid in North Capitol street north from D street, and that fire hydrant at northeast corner of North Capitol and D streets be moved to west side of North Capitol street, opposite north line of lot 9, square 630; that 170 feet of six-inch main be laid in Princeton street east from the intersection of 13th street northwest; that 470 feet of 15-inch sewer be constructed to replace sewer in south side of N street southwest between 4½ and 6th streets east, cost, $893, payable from appropriation for replacing obstructed sewers; that twenty feet of twelve-inch pipe sewer be laid in south side of H street northeast between 8th and 9th streets, under permit system; that brick sidewalk be laid in front of 1414 36th street northwest, under the permit system.

Sweeping the Streets.

The superintendent of the street and alley cleaning department submitted to the Commissioners yesterday afternoon a report upon the cost of doing the work of street sweeping by the municipality. He estimates the entire cost of the work at $216,994.

THE RICH GOLD FIELDS.

Mr. Scruggs Says the Treaty Will Give Them to Venezuela.

Ex-Minister Scruggs, who is acting as counsel for the Venezuela government, called at the White House today, but owing to the cabinet meeting did not see the President. Mr. Scruggs says the effect of the clause making fifty years essential to constitute "settled districts" in the Venezuela boundary dispute will be to give to Venezuela the entire Barima gold country, which is the most valuable tract in Venezuela, and also the entire Orinoco river country, including the waterway itself, the banks, the mouth and the islands off the mouth.

RECIPROCITY.

It Will Be an Important Feature of the Tariff Bill.

Those who are figuring out what may be done with the tariff by the next Congress are generally well satisfied that reciprocity will form an important part of the measure adopted. This feature of the bill, it is believed, will be more nearly what was proposed by Mr. Blaine than was the provision in the McKinley bill, and it may also be made the means through which a certain amount of silver may be safely added to the currency. Considerable silver, it is thought by some, might be used in connection with a reciprocal trade between the United States and the South American republics.

Personal Mention.

Postmaster General Wilson left today for New York, where tonight he will speak on "Free Government on Trial" before the New York chamber of commerce.

Mr. John Taylor Arms, who, on account of ill health, has been away from the city for some three years, has returned, and his many friends will be glad to learn that his health is completely restored.

Private Secretary Thurber has resumed his official duties at the White House after a short absence, due to illness.

Chief Engineer Stacy Potts of the Essex is in the city.

Lieut. W. S. Sims of the Richmond is at 1930 17th street on leave.

Commander W. H. Brownson is at 1501 18th street.

Maj. D. D. Wheeler, quartermaster's department, is in the city on leave of absence.

Mr. Eben Alexander, United States minister to Greece, Roumania and Servia, who has been in this city on leave of absence, will sail from New York tomorrow for Greece. While here he was the guest of his sister, Mrs. J. S. Payne, 1427 Corcoran street.

Hawaiian Foreign Minister Coming.

Mr. H. E. Cooper, Hawaiian minister of foreign affairs, who recently arrived in this country with his private secretary, is expected to visit this city shortly for consultation with Minister Hatch in regard to the relations, present and prospective, between the United States and the republic of Hawaii. The presence in this country of Minister Cooper at this time has rekindled interest in the Hawaiian annexation proposition, the outlook for which has been undoubtedly improved by the success of the republican ticket at the last election. Mr. Hatch has gone to Boston to meet Mr. Cooper and will probably induce the latter to return to Washington with him.

The Deep Water Commission.

The commission recently appointed to locate a deep water harbor at San Pablo or Santa Monica, Cal., have decided to meet at Los Angeles, Cal., on December 2 for a preliminary inspection of the two harbors. The commission expects to spend most of the winter in southern California in the prosecution of the work. So far it has discussed the matter only in a general way. The commission will hold no meeting after today until its sessions in California begin.

Naval Orders.

Surgeon A. F. Magruder from the marine barracks, Washington, D. C., and placed on the retired list. Ensign F. B. Sullivan from inspection duty at Munhall, Pa., and placed on waiting orders.

Indian Agent Appointed.

The President has appointed James L. Cowan of Portland, Oregon, to be agent for the Indians of the Warm Springs agency in Oregon, vice Peter Gallagher, deceased.

Government Receipts.

National bank notes received today for redemption, $308,868. Government receipts—From internal revenue, $289,342; customs, $382,728; miscellaneous, $119,608.

FALL RACES AT BENNING

The Meeting Inaugurated Under Favorable Conditions.

Fast Track, Large Fields and an Attendance That Was Gratifying—Many Ladies Present.

The first fall meeting of the Washington Jockey Club, closing the racing of the season of 1896, was inaugurated at the Benning course this afternoon, under the most favorable circumstances, perfect weather, fast track, large fields and an attendance which was gratifyingly large.

A dozen or more members of the turf exchange were on hand to accommodate those who wished to place bets and speculation was unusually brisk. The attendance of local race goers was largely augmented by those from New York, all those prominent in racing circles here and elsewhere in the east being on hand. The free admission of ladies was conclusively shown to be a popular innovation, the attendance of the fair sex being particularly large.

Tinge, Tremargo, Takanasse, Successful, Arabian, Ross O., and Hawardin were scratched in the first race; Purseproud and Loch Glyn in the second, and Traylin and One Chance in the fourth.

The jockeys and odds in the first race follows: The Swain (O'Leary), 20 and 6; Tremargo (Nostrand), 20 and 6; Hanwell (Gifford), 20 and 6; Zanone (Doggett), 5 and 8 to 5; Forget (Sims), 10 and 3; Casseopia (Hirsch), 8 to 5 and 1 to 4; Chic (Walter), 7 to 5 and 1 to 5.

Chic Takes the First.

The first race, five furlongs, was won by Chic; Zanone second, Casseopia third; time, 1.03.

The second race, five furlongs, was won by Kitty B.; Floral Park, second; Rockefeller, third. Time, 1:05 1-5.

Tomorrow's Entries.

The entries for tomorrow follow:

First race, three-quarters mile—Deanwood, 107; Venetia II, 98*; Juno, 109; Laurelton, 106; Telegram, 106; Tanis, 113; Royal Princess, 103; Lambent, 105; Grazioza, 113. *Apprenticeship allowance claimed.

Second race, five-eighths mile—Maud Adams, 98; Braw Lad, 106; One Chance, 101; Altonwood, 94*; Takanassee, 115; Contractor, 104; Hurl, 103; Sonnet, 99; Belle Dick, 99; Rifler, 106. *Apprenticeship allowance claimed.

Third race, mile and one-sixteenth—Septour, 110; Brisk, 100; *Runaway, 92; *Premier, 89.

*Apprentice allowance claimed.

Fourth race five-eighths mile—Miss Prim, 105; Billili, 120; Buddha, 108; Ross A., 120; Trayline, 105; Euphenia L., 105; Kinnikinic, 108; Arabian, 120.

Fifth race, one and one-half miles, hurdle—No Knee, 167; Sir Rodrick, 130; Flushing, 157; Waltzer, 146; Ecarte, 145; Red Cloud, 153; Tom Moore, 142; Longstride, 134.

WANT TO BE REPRESENTED.

East and West Washington Have Candidates for Commissioner.

The possibility of a change in the personnel of the board of District Commissioners, when the terms of office of President Ross and Col. Truesdell will expire, has renewed the agitation which usually occurs at such a time in those particular sections of the city whose citizens are of the opinion that their localities have a just claim to special representation in the local government.

This is particularly the case with those two populous wings of Washington which are known distinctively as East Washington and Georgetown.

Citizens of both sections, therefore, are now engaged in an animated discussion, and it is understood that every effort will be exerted to have East and West Washington represented on the next board of Commissioners.

In East Washington the name of Mr. Michael I. Weller is frequently heard in connection with the succession to Mr. Ross. It is pointed out by those in favor of Mr. Weller that he was one of the first among leading democrats in the District to bolt the Chicago platform and its candidates, and this, in addition to other recommendations, is regarded as a strong point in his favor with the present administration.

Georgetown has a candidate also, but his identity is thus far shrouded in mystery. The West End Advertiser, published in Georgetown, had an editorial on the subject in a recent issue, in which it was intimated that influential citizens had picked a favorite son, and, at the appropriate time, would present him to the President.

Fraternal Societies.

The regular annual session of the District of Columbia Association of Fraternal Beneficial Societies was held last night in Oppenheimer's Hall. Representatives were present from many of the fraternal orders. The committee on legislation, through its chairman, Mr. Aivan T. Tracy, made a report.

Announcement was made of the death of Representative F. E. Siavin, late president of the association, and appropriate resolutions were adopted.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, D. C. Morrison; vice president, G. M. Thomas; secretary, Chas. S. Willis; treasurer, Alvan T. Tracy; executive committee, G. W. Callahan, J. D. Terrill, F. B. Curtis, G. M. Thomas, Alvan T. Tracy and Chas. S. Willis.

Sentenced Most Men to Death.

FORT SMITH, Ark., November 17.—Judge I. C. Parker, a well-known Arkansas jurist, died at his home in this city at 2:30 o'clock this morning of Bright's disease. Judge Parker was famous all over the country for his fearless administration of justice, having imposed the death penalty upon more criminals than any other jurist in the United States. For twenty-one years he had presided over court without missing a day.

Fresh Trouble Likely in Crete.

CANEA, Island of Crete, November 17.—Placards have been posted in this city inciting the Mussulmans to engage in a holy war against the Christians.

Government Bonds.

Quotations reported by Corson & Macartney, bankers.

	Bid.	Asked.
2 per cents, registered	95	.....
4 per cents, coupon of 1907	109¾	110¼
4 per cents, registered of 1907	109¾	110
4 per cents, coupon of 1925	119½	119¾
4 per cents, registered of 1925	119½	119¾
5 per cents, coupon of 1904	112½	113
5 per cents, registered of 1904	112½	113
Currency 6 per cents of 1897	101½	.....
Currency 6 per cents of 1898	104	.....
Currency 6 per cents of 1899	105½	.....

Baltimore Markets.

BALTIMORE, November 17.—Flour dull, unchanged—receipts, 26,526 barrels; exports, 20,339 barrels; sales, 100 barrels. Wheat weak—spot and month, 88¾ bid; December, 87 bid; steamer No. 2 red, 83¼ bid—receipts, 14,464 bushels; exports, none; stock, 654,480 bushels; sales, 2,000 bushels—southern wheat by sample, 88a90; do. on grade, 85¼a89¼. Corn easy—spot and month, 29⅝a29¾; November and December, new and old, 29⅝a29⅞; January, 30¼a30⅜; February, 30⅜a31; steamer mixed, 27½a27¾—receipts, 46,746 bushels; exports, none; stock, 1,214,816 bushels; sales, 218,000 bushels—southern white corn, 30; do. yellow, 29a30. Oats quiet and steady—No. 2 white, 26a26½; No. 2 mixed, 23a23½—receipts, 60,140 bushels; exports, none; stock, 1,683,712 bushels. Rye easier—No. 2 nearby, 42a43; western, 44a44½—receipts, 7,026 bushels; exports, none; stock, 93,929 bushels. Hay very firm—choice timothy, $13.50a$14.00. Grain freights very dull, unchanged. Sugar steady, unchanged. Butter firm, unchanged. Eggs steady, unchanged. Cheese firm—fancy New York, 9c pounds, 10¼a10⅜; do. 35 pounds, 10¼a10⅜; do. 22 pounds, 10⅜all. Whisky unchanged.

Grain and Cotton Markets.

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GRAIN.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—Dec	77⅝	78	76⅝	76⅝-⅞
May	81⅝	82	80¼-⅜	80⅝
Corn—Dec	24⅞	24⅞	24¼	24⅝
May	28¼	28¼	27⅝	27⅞
Oats—Dec	18⅝	18⅝	18⅝	18⅝
May	22⅝	22⅝	22	22⅛-¼
Pork—Jan	7.62	7.65	7.55	7.60
May	8.00	8.05	7.90	7.97
Lard—Jan	4.00	4.00	3.92	3.92
May	4.20	4.25	4.15