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ACETYLENE!

A Public Exhibition

Acetylene Gas

WILL BE GIVEN AT No. 734 15th St. N. W. (Opposite Hotel Page).

Monday Morning, Dec. 2,

and Continuing Each Day Through the Week from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m.

This large and fully furnished house, formerly occupied by the German Embassy will afford an excellent opportunity to show the

BRILLIANT QUALITIES OF THIS GAS

and its effect upon Paintings, Tapestry, etc

The Electric Light, City Gas and Welsbach burners will be used for purposes of comparison.

Scientists, Investors, Gas Consumers

and others interested in this remarkable discovery are invited to examine the light and its installation at this exhibit.

Vote Today on the Bond Bill.

The Times has afforded the people of the District their first opportunity, since they became the wards of the National Government, to exercise the right of suffrage.

The question at issue is one of vital importance to citizens, and the result will do much to influence Congress for or against the proposition to increase the value of private landholdings at public expense.

The Bond Bill has been explained at length in these columns and today the voting begins, polls to close at 6 o'clock Saturday, December 7.

Vote—either for or against—but vote, anyway. Show that you appreciate the right of franchise, even though you can only obtain it through the efforts of a newspaper.

Below is the voting coupon and the list of polling places. Vote at the one nearest your place of residence or business.

List of Polling Places.

- Vote at the polling place nearest your residence. The polling places will be as follows: WALTER J. BOYCE, First street and New York avenue northwest. B. C. EASTERDAY, corner G street and New Jersey avenue northwest. FRANK S. MITCHELL, Fourth and G streets northwest. A. B. MCKLOSKEY, 1312 Seventh street northwest. R. W. DUFFY, Ninth and N streets northwest. F. M. CURSWELL, Seventh and T streets northwest. EDMONDS & WILLIAMS, Third street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest. W. G. ROE, Seventh and L streets northwest. MOHNT VERNON PHARMACY, Ninth street and New York avenue northwest. E. A. BENTLEY, Fourth and Corcoran streets northwest.

Cut This Out and Vote It.

Ist—Do you favor the issuance of bonds by the District to the amount of Four Million Dollars for the improvement of sewers and streets within the city limits proper?

Yes or No.

2d—Do you favor the issuance of bonds to the amount of Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars, or more, for street and sewer extension and improvements which shall include property lying outside of the city limits proper?

Yes or No.

Name

Address

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OBDDISTS IN SESSION

Fourth House of Congress Opens With Great Eclat.

CLAIMANTS AND SPOILSMEN

These, With the First-Mentioned, Go to Make a Body That Is Larger Than Congress and the Third House, Made Up of Newspaper Men—Curious Scenes in the Corridor.

Those members of the Fourth House who did not remain up all night because of urgent business, began at an early hour the labor of the day.

The conditions which confronted this contingent, by all odds the superior in numerical strength of the other three, were similar to those which followed that battle with the North Sea which preceded the passing of King Arthur. The wayfarer and wanderer was met by rain, gray mist and cold.

It should be stated, by way of parenthetical explanation, that the Third House is composed of newspaper men and the fourth of lobbyists, claimants and seekers after place.

These latter two classes were today the ones preponderantly in evidence.

With early dawn there began coming forth from the corridors of the upper and lower chambers a host of men in various and cheap lodgings places an army of those who grappled with the situation and test their wits against the superior in numbers of the other three.

It was declared that "this day shall end my labors or my life." Their very appearance indicated that they were prepared to die.

CROWDED THE HOTELS. From the boom of the sunrise gun at Fort Myer until the middle of the forenoon the corridors of the upper and lower chambers were crowded with members of the Fourth House.

They were in all stages of suspense, and were largely unsuccessful in concealing their feelings. Those who had been in the appearance were able to have cards delivered to their districts, but the vast majority were curtly informed that the persons had gone.

Later the journey to the Capitol began. A new who had been provided in the long and narrow hallways of the Capitol, the Fifty-first and Fifty-fourth Congresses found transportation in the grip and horse cars.

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IS MORTON A CANDIDATE?

New Yorkers and All Other Candidates and Friends Inquiring.

Big Four—Platt, Depew, Miller and Lauterbach—for Him, But Would Like to Hear From Him.

New York, Dec. 2.—Is Gov. Levi P. Morton a candidate for the Republican nomination for President? Will he allow his name to go before the convention as a candidate? These two questions are agitating Republican statesmen, not only from New York, but other States. It is getting along toward the time when they want to know.

It is positively known that Reed, McKinley, Harrison, and Allison are candidates for the nomination, but nothing whatever is known concerning Gov. Morton's position.

Republicans of all sorts and conditions in the State believe that he should be New York's first and only choice for the national convention. The big four—Platt, Depew, Miller and Lauterbach—have openly declared for Morton in this fashion, but it was asserted yesterday that they have done this on their own hook and without the slightest consultation with Gov. Morton.

But they are at sea, while Gov. Morton maintains absolute silence as to his future course. He is getting along toward the time when they want to know where Morton stands. So would Harrison's friends, and Mr. McKinley's.

As a matter of fact, the New York State Republicans are as much in the dark as the other followers. They really do not know whether to climb in and make a tactical move, or to wait and see whether they will continue to present his name merely from courtesy, and whether they may know where to deliver the delegation, or a much more important, to make it do the most good.

THOMPSON ON THE STAND. Second Complaint Testifies Against the Seaman Hunters.

The board of inquiry appointed to investigate the charges of hazing in the class of seamen gunners at the navy yard resumed its sessions this morning in the court room of the navy yard.

Benjamin Thompson, one of the colored complainants, was placed on the stand. His testimony followed very closely that given by Johnson, all of which has been fully printed in The Times.

He accused Smith, a fellow-classman, of pouring salt around his chair and of clanging him with a tin can. He also testified that he saw Smith and another man, and that they were in the act of hazing a new recruit.

For furniture, carpets, gas-fixtures, window-shades, awnings, etc., for local post-office, new post-office building, etc.

For current expenses, Government Hospital for the Insane, \$264,451, as against \$264,451 for the fiscal year.

Howard University, \$34,500, being unchanged.

SENATIONAL SUICIDE. Young Man Rushes Into a Crowded Car and Shoots Himself.

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When about ten miles from this city a paralytic man, who had been confined in a hospital for some time, rushed into the smoking car and, after firing a revolver, fell into the aisle.

He was about five feet seven inches in height, neatly dressed, with a dark brown complexion, and was wearing a dark suit, slightly mixed with gray and cut somewhat loosely.

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DEATHS OF A DAY. Chicago, Dec. 2.—Benjamin Ela Gallop, one of Chicago's oldest and truly representative citizens, died yesterday at his residence, No. 1710 Indiana avenue. The body will be taken to Rochester, N. H., Wednesday for interment.

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BOMB THROWN AT THE CZAR

Report by Way of Vienna That His Life Was Attempted Today.

Vague Details Are Given of the Missale Grating the Emperor's Check, and Story Is Not Yet Confirmed.

London, Dec. 2.—The Central News correspondent in Vienna says that a report is current here that a projectile was thrown at the czar in St. Petersburg today. The missile struck the czar's coat and fell harmlessly to the ground. No one was injured.

It has been known for some time that the activity of the nihilists is daily increasing. It is not known whether the report is true or not.

THE DISTRICT ESTIMATES. Items of Local Interest in Secretary's Report.

In the letter from the Secretary of the Treasury to Congress, transmitting estimates of appropriations, there appears to be a number of items of local interest.

For the Coast and Geodetic Survey, \$400,324, as against \$400,770 for the fiscal year.

For the various bureaus embraced in the Smithsonian Institution, \$331,740, as against \$331,740 for the fiscal year.

For the Fish Commission, \$405,600, being the same as last year.

For the new city post-office, \$25,000.

For various miscellaneous items, and for repair for the post-office building, \$30,000.

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REED IS FOR RECIPROCITY

Hints Contained in His Speech Upon Assuming the Speakership.

All the Doctrines and Policies Made Famous by Blaine Are to Be Resurrected.

Mr. Reed's speech upon assuming the Speaker's chair, after an absence of four years, was a marked contrast to the one expected that he would to a certain extent outline something that could be construed as indicative of a Republican policy.

The only contrast to the one in this respect was an assurance that the party whose past actions had been proven right by lapse of time could be safely depended upon for the future. It is not now a case of taking off the harness, but of putting it on.

There is a strong accusation of evidence in the atmosphere enveloping the House tending to forecast that a majority of the members belonging to the party now in power will support the tariff and the policies which the late James G. Blaine either formulated or made famous.

Protection and Americanism will not be the only great subjects brought up for discussion.

It is stated today on high authority that the doctrine of reciprocity will be resurrected in the latter days of Harrison's administration. The idea is that it will fill the wide gap existing between the currency and financial questions on one side and the general subject of foreign trade on the other.

Facts and figures are being collected to show the great benefit reaped by America in the time when reciprocal trade relations existed between the United States and the various countries of the world.

It will be made especially prominent in this connection that the tariff and the tariff incidentally afforded the most excellent and unlooked-for opportunity of launching every device of tariff protection.

A large proportion of the new members appearing in the Congressional Record, and this was placed in evidence before the House by the speaker, while the leaders keep their eyes on finance and tariff.

PARTHA'S FIRE. How the Crew Reached Valparaiso in Quarantine.

Quarantine, N. J., Dec. 2.—On the steamer Partha, which arrived this morning from Colon, were Capt. Charles G. Carter and Second Officer H. A. Crocker.

The Partha was a small steamer, and was on the Pacific coast, and was abandoned by her crew on the coast of California.

On September 27 smoke was seen pouring from the after- and main-mast masts, and Capt. Carter and the entire crew in the fore part of the vessel, without success, and it was soon apparent that the vessel was doomed.

The vessel was wrecked on the rocky shore, and on October 1 the vessel was abandoned. Capt. Carter, eleven men and eight men in another boat, and Second Officer Crocker and eight men in the remaining lifeboat.

After a tedious and dangerous voyage of nearly two weeks, the vessel succeeded in reaching Valparaiso.

The boat in charge of Second Officer Crocker was the only one that reached Valparaiso, and the crew suffered terribly from the effects of their exposure in the open air.

ESTIMATES OF MR. CARLISLE. Money Necessary for Government Expenditure During Next Fiscal Year.

Secretary Carlisle today said to Congress the estimates for the fiscal year 1896, which will be required to be appropriated by the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1897.

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Legislative establishment, \$3,850,584; executive establishment, \$19,222,122; judicial establishment, \$23,280,920; foreign intercourse, \$1,646,008; military establishment, \$22,820,000; naval establishment, \$27,983,675; Indian affairs, \$8,750,428; public works, \$14,384,570; public works, \$28,000,000; miscellaneous, \$36,635,631; permanent annual appropriations, \$1,199,054,160—grand total, \$149,017,067.

For 1896 the estimates totaled \$410,435,078, and for 1897 \$412,435,078. The total for the two years is \$824,870,156.

FIRE ON THE OLYMPIA. Lively Time at Honolulu With Fire in Coal Bunkers.

San Francisco, Dec. 2.—A local paper publishes a letter from a correspondent in Honolulu, dated November 14, in which it is alleged that the United States cruiser Olympia experienced an exciting time on her outward cruise.

The correspondent says that while at the Hawaiian Islands the Olympia took on board 1,000 tons of coal, which was stowed in the coal bunkers.

On the morning of the 14th the Olympia was on fire throughout the entire voyage. As the funnels of the burning coal were exposed, the fire spread rapidly, and the ship was eventually got under control, but only means that the fire was extinguished on the part of both the officers and the crew.

MRS. PARNELL AN INVALID. Under Treatment as a Result of the Assault Upon Her.

New York, Dec. 2.—Mrs. Delia Stewart Parnell, mother of the late Irish leader, is in a delicate state of health, and is under treatment as a result of the assault last spring at Bordentown, N. J.

She left Ireland, where she had lived for so many years, to visit her surviving children in New York city, and to go to the hospital, where Sister Ellenor, in her last moments, Mrs. Parnell has had a most successful recovery.

ANXIETY IN REGARD TO MISSIONARIES IN PROVINCE OF SHENSI. London, Dec. 2.—Great anxiety is felt for the safety of the Baptist missionaries in the province of Shensi, China. No news of them has been received since August, and the Mohammedan rebels had captured the city of Seegan, the capital of the province, and a large number of men, women and children.

Zero Weights at Chicago. Chicago, Dec. 2.—Prof. Carriott, of the government Weather Bureau, in a special bulletin, predicts that the temperature will fall to zero tonight, and that the weather will continue very cold and windy and foggy through Friday.

Church Destroyed by Fire. Norristown, Pa., Dec. 2.—The Goshenhoppen Lutheran Church, one mile beyond Norristown, was destroyed by fire, caused by a defective fuse. Loss, \$25,000; insurance, \$10,000.

Chester Mint Julep Gum. I am a Democrat. David B. Hill has quit active politics for a few weeks to announce to enthusiastic but skeptical audiences his views on the subject of "Personal Liberty."

Twenty-dollar custom-made suits or overcoats at \$12; \$25 custom-made suits or overcoats at \$16; \$40 custom-made suits or overcoats at \$20; \$50 custom-made suits or overcoats at \$24; \$60 custom-made suits or overcoats at \$28; \$75 custom-made suits or overcoats at \$32; \$85 custom-made suits or overcoats at \$36; \$100 custom-made suits or overcoats at \$40.

Will Contest Withdrawal. In the matter of the estate of Laura C. Riley the attorneys this morning withdrew from Justice O'Leary's calendar the proposed contest of will and the cause was referred to the probate court.

Chester Mint Julep Gum. Continued on Fourth Page.

SENATE AND HOUSE CALLED IN SESSION

Fifty-fourth Congress Opens, and Republican Representatives Install Chief Officers.

CZAR REED AGAIN IN THE PRESIDING OFFICER'S CHAIR

Floral Tributes Showered Upon the Statesmen—Scenes in the Corridors and Galleries—Capt. Bassett's Illness Remembered in the Chaplain's Prayer—New Senators Sworn In.

The Fifty-fourth Congress began its public sessions at noon today with crowded galleries and many other manifestations of acute interest in its proceedings, including, of course, the inevitable floral decorations.

For the third time in the last twenty-five years the popular will found expression in a reversal of political dominance, and the new Congress was called to order with Democratic ascendancy in the Senate on the point of disappearing and the House overwhelmingly Republican.

The bright, cheerful appearance of the Senate chamber on this, the opening day of the first session of the Fifty-fourth Congress was a marked contrast to the drizzling, foggy weather outside.

A new carpet of an attractive green color adorned the floor; the desks had been repainted and newly varnished, and the walls of the chamber were covered with a pattern of new floral designs, having been placed by new ones of mahogany, having been placed by new ones of mahogany, having been placed by new ones of mahogany.

Many of the desks were covered with flowers. That of Senator Sewell of New Jersey was completely hidden beneath a huge bank that sloped up in the back to a height of nearly three feet. It was made of American beauty, autumn, bride, and Catherine Mermet roses, violets, lilies of the valley, and many other flowers, interspersed with amaranth and asparagus. The desk was not large enough to hold the entire display, for in the chair reposed a large quantity of flowers and carnations, resting on a base of the same flowers, and on either side of this was a bunch of loose roses fastened with ribbons. The back of the chair was covered with a bunch of red and white roses. Senator Shoup, of Idaho, was the recipient of a basket of cream-colored carnations. The five pieces were the gifts of New Jersey admirers.

The desks of Senators Cullom and Fairmont were also decorated with flowers. Senator Martin of Virginia had a bunch of pink carnations; Senator Ross, of Ohio, a bunch of red and white roses. Senator Shoup, of Idaho, was the recipient of a basket of cream-colored carnations. The five pieces were the gifts of New Jersey admirers.

THE YOUTHFUL MEMBERS. One of the features which provoked comment from the galleries was the youthful appearance of many of the new members of the House.

Several States have sent as Representatives men who are still in their twenties. Probably two score of others are under thirty.