

The Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

NATIONAL NOTES OF INTEREST. Congress Still Pending Any on the Tariff Bill. Massey Charged with Free Trade Capitalism—West Virginia Note, Capitalism and Gossip, Etc.

From Our Special Correspondent. WASHINGTON, February 1.—Both houses are still pending on the tariff bill. To-day the Senate finished the sugar schedule and left it precisely as the Finance Committee reported it. The House is still on the chemical schedule, which will hardly be disposed of this week.

House members of the Legislature who ride on free railroad passes will scorn to law money. Behold the opportunity for a vast exhibition of scorn!

The charge made by a Pennsylvania Greenback member that Randall, although believed to be a moderate protectionist, was found voting with the free traders, brought him to his feet. Randall declared that with uniformity of wages among the nations of the earth there could be no such thing as absolute free trade. He declared, however, that the Senate tariff bill was much better than that of the House, and all amendments offered for the reduction of duties the Democrats voted solid, being sometimes reinforced by Anderson, of Ky., and Kasson, of Iowa.

There is no difference between the esteemed Editor and the Intelligencer in that the Intelligencer never fails itself into a two-column-and-a-half bogus "special dispatch" to any subject.

ADAM'S State Treasurer was "well-known and well-liked in Wall Street." A man with a quarter of a million to play away will always be well-liked by the Wall Street wool clipper.

The Civil Service Commission should be composed of men who believe in civil service reform. One of them must be a Democrat, and it is possible to find that many Democrats who believe in it.

Home and Personal Mention. From Our Special Correspondent. WASHINGTON, February 1.—Mr. Will P. Cline, a prominent young telegrapher, of Grafton, accompanied by his bride, nee Dollie Nesbitt, of Fairmont, W. Va., were among the visitors at the Capital to-day.

This is a free country. If the Democratic party in West Virginia insists upon a free trade policy, nobody will deny it the right of opinion. But the people of West Virginia prefer a different policy, and they are likely to prefer another party.

The wife and daughter of Senator Camden will leave for their home at Parkersburg, to-morrow night, and do not expect to return to Washington during the present season. After remaining for some days at the home of Mrs. and Miss Camden, they intend to go to Hot Springs, Ark., for the benefit of their health.

WAS RETURNS have been received from about three-fourths of the counties the Auditor estimated that the new assessment, as far as it had gone, would yield an additional revenue of about \$24,000. On this basis the total increase will be about \$32,000. But that won't do. What is the Legislature going to do about it?

THE MEXICO RAILROAD. From Our Special Correspondent. WASHINGTON, February 1.—A meeting of the Ohio Valley Construction Company, of which Senator Camden is the President, has been called to meet at the Arlington Hotel in this city on next Tuesday the sixth inst. This is the company that organized under the laws of Ohio, but which has contracted to construct the Wheeling Parkersburg & Charleston Railroad.

MINNESOTA turns her back on Windom, who has served his State and country well in the House, in the Senate and in the Cabinet. His long and faithful service goes for nothing. His brilliant career at the head of the Treasury is not thought of. Windom goes down, overwhelmed by the petty jealousies of small men, and the State offers the country Sabine in his place. Who is Sabine?

THE CHIMNEY WINE CONTENT. RICHMOND, February 1.—The answer of John S. Wise, the re-adjuster Congressman at large from this State, to the notice of contest served upon him by Mr. John E. Massey, has been made public. He replies to the charges made by Mr. Massey in the order in which they appear in the contestant's notice. Mr. Wise lays great stress upon the charge that the Democratic assessment and tax officers of this city obstructed the negroes from paying their poll tax in the city and vicinity having notified their blowers that they intended reducing their wages ten per cent, and in case they would refuse to accept the reduction the factories will be shut down for an indefinite period.

DELEETE DALLEY, of Mineral, suggests a free-hand way to dispose of Mr. Harmon's wool tariff resolution. His declaration of principles—"I do not and never did believe in the policy of a protective tariff"—is frank and to the point, but that does not go upon the official record. His substitute for Mr. Harmon's straight-forward resolution is an evasion—a dodge. It is always in order to let our Senators and Representatives in Congress know what the people want and what they don't want, and it is well to give them the information in good plain English. There is no manliness, but a good deal of cowardice, in Mr. Dalley's substitute. The greatest objection to it is that it opens with a declaration which is not true. It proceeds from the Legislature of West Virginia—"so long as protection is the policy of the Federal Government we demand protection for the products of our own people." This is the way any trader would put it, but the State of West Virginia is not for free trade. More direct Democrats than the Impetuous Mr. Dalley recognize that when they dodge the question, or give protection an unwilling support, they did in this First Congressional District. But Mr. Dalley and his party friends are inconsistent, for they refuse to demand protection for our West Virginia wool, a large and growing interest.

ALABAMA'S Defiant Treasurer. MONTGOMERY, February 1.—The legislative investigation committee will not report on the defalcation before to-morrow. Mr. Wolfe telegraphs his adviser as follows from New York: "Reports from Montgomery do not justify. All advices from Cotton either to buy or sell for the account of Vincent were given from my office in Montgomery and from there transmitted here for execution. This morning I was deposited in my car and my wife there, which was for inspection, will show every transaction. Wolfe also telegraphed the Governor, adding: 'J. L. Gilmer, who has charge of my office, is instructed to give you or the committee any information you desire. My books are open to you and the committee.'

THE PRESIDENT gave a State dinner to the Justices of the United States Supreme Court last evening. The House reported the bill to the Senate establishing a West and South Missouri route, 40 Texas 37, Indiana 27, Dakota 26, Kentucky 21, Ohio 15, Tennessee 14, Wisconsin 11, Arkansas 10, and Minnesota 10.

MEMPHIS, February 1.—Last evening at Winona, Miss., W. P. Fowler, traveling salesman for Schmidt & Zaiger, of New Orleans, shot and killed C. M. Wright, a member of the late firm of Wright, Brock & Hammond, at Winona. The difficulty grew out of the failure of the Winona firm to pay the debt of the firm of Wright, Brock & Hammond, presenting two pistols at him, but Fowler drew a pistol and shot Wright twice before the latter could use his weapons. Wright died instantly. Fowler's family reside in Grenada, Miss., and he was formerly conductor on the St. Louis, Chicago & New Orleans Railway.

CLARKSBURG NOTES.

Proceedings of the Circuit Court—Harrison County's Centennial. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CLARKSBURG, February 1.—Nothing being offered in delay, judgment was today pronounced upon Boggs, the person some days since found guilty of murder in the first degree, for killing his wife, on the first day of October last.

THE LABOR WORLD.

WORKINGMEN'S CONSPIRACY CASE. On Trial at Pittsburgh—(Complications of the Suit—The Cause of the Workingmen in New England—Threatened Glassworkers' Strike—Constitution Called. PITTSBURGH, February 1.—The conspiracy case which is now on trial in the Court of Quarter Sessions is exciting a great deal of interest, not only because it is the only suit of the kind ever instituted here, but also because of the importance of the interests involved in the decision of the matter at issue. The suit in question is that of Edward Scott against a number of his former companions in the Amalgamated Association, the details of which were given at length yesterday. The case will have no little influence in settling the vexed question as to the right of trades unions to interfere with a workman in the performance of his duties.

After the Curran Fall. A Public Encounter on the Stage of a Philadelphia Theatre. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 1.—A. S. Phillips, one of the company supporting Barney McAuley in "The Jerseyman" last week at the Arch Street Theatre, is in the city, having been discharged on Saturday, after a fight, in which he had been severely handled by Mr. McAuley. The row issued to have occurred immediately upon the termination of the play, and the curtain had barely descended before McAuley, without any provocation whatever, it is said, struck Phillips a violent blow on the face, felling him to the stage. McAuley is a large man, while Phillips is a small man and a consumptive, and suffers much from hemorrhages. After Phillips fell McAuley grasped him by the waist and told him to "get up and fight it out like a man."

On the subject of the conspiracy case, Judge Justice, in his charge, held that "all confederates wrongfully to prejudice another are misdemeanors to commit a law, whether the intention is to injure or to benefit another." He also said that "it does not matter at what period anyone enters into the conspiracy, if he knows the object and aids in its execution, he is responsible for all that was done before he entered into the conspiracy, and that 'one has no right to dictate upon the owner of the property shall employ to work it, not to say that the suit shall not be done by such as the owners may employ to do it.'"

THE BALTIMORE & OHIO IN NEW YORK. PITTSBURGH, February 1.—The trunk line system, composed of the Lake Shore, Lake Erie, South Pennsylvania, Philadelphia & Reading, and New Jersey Central, is to be controlled by Vanderbilt, but the Baltimore & Ohio road will be given a New York outlet over it. This will be done on account of the friendship between Presidents Garret and Gowen. The manner in which the Baltimore & Ohio will get into New York is by means of a road which is now building from Baltimore northward to join a feeder of the Reading, which runs out from Philadelphia. The Jersey Central will be used to New York. Vanderbilt does not consider the Baltimore & Ohio a rival for Western business, owing to the bad management of its lines, and he readily agreed to the Gowen-Garret agreement in regard to an outlet to New York.

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ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

Brush's New System of Storage Proposed a Success. CLEVELAND, February 1.—The first public exhibition in Cleveland of the Brush storage system of electric lighting was given last evening at the company's office on Euclid avenue. A large number of delegate millers were present, besides others who are interested in the problem of lighting mills, warehouses and dwellings by electricity, instead of gas. In the basement was placed the storage battery, which is simple in its construction, consisting of a box containing cells, in each of which are lead plates chemically prepared and charged with electricity. The power used in the process of charging is derived from the lighting station on Ontario street. From the storage battery wires were run to the office above where some twelve or fifteen of the Brush-Swan lamps were burning. The lamps are of the same size as those used in the lighting station on Ontario street. The system of lighting is now beyond the experimental stage, and is ready for public use in whatever capacity it may be required. The battery is practically indestructible and the only expense is that of the occasional addition of a little water to replace that taken up by evaporation. Batteries of different sizes are made according to the number of lamps required, the smallest being capable of lighting five to ten lamps, and the largest from forty to fifty. An important consideration in mills and other large establishments where both the arc and incandescent lights are needed is the fact that the batteries will furnish nine tenths of the power of an ordinary five-foot gas burner for each horse-power by the dynamo. They will be charged from the same wire used in furnishing the arc lamps, and while these lamps are burning, so that lights of both kinds can be obtained from the same circuit and produced by the same source of power.

A BIG BONFIRE.

A ONE MILLION DOLLAR FIRE. The Pier of the Inman Steamship Line, at New York City, Totally Destroyed—The Shipping in the Harbor Narrowly Escaped—Losses by the Fire. NEW YORK, February 1.—The Inman line dock at this city has burned. At nine o'clock this morning the dock was still burning. Most of the buildings on the pier and contents are now consumed. The loss is roughly estimated at \$1,000,000. The steamer Egypt of the National line, which was lying at the pier caught fire. She was towed into the stream and the flames extinguished after she had been greatly damaged. The fire department and two fire boats are at work on the flames. Of the large covered sheds on the pier nothing remains save a fragment of the framework and the contents are all destroyed. The pier and the steamer Egypt are both threatened to fall at any moment. The pier itself, with all upon it, burned down to the piles upon which the structure rested.

FAHINE IN IRELAND. DUBLIN, February 1.—The accounts received from the West and Southwest for the past two or three days, are of a most deplorable character. Famine is now no figure of speech in the apparently doomed districts. Every class in the community—shopkeeper, artisan and small traders generally—are suffering dire distress from stagnation in business and want of employment; but among the rural population in the counties of Sligo, Mayo, Galway, Clare and Kerry the suffering is not relative, it is absolute. Food of a quality, kind and quantity to sustain life for any lengthened period is not conveniently procurable, even if money were at command to purchase it. Fuel is just as scarce and unobtainable, owing to the violence of the winter, and the result is an unusually wet season. 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