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MR. CLEVELAND might go to England and try growing up with a free trade country.

ONE of the secrets of the holiday trade is that the men who advertise guess it and get it. The man who doesn't advertise is supposed to have nothing he thinks worth offering.

A "PROHIBITIONIST," one of the stoutest of the sect, gives in to-day's INTELLIGENCER some views on the Third party. We regret that the name is not given for publication, for it is an honored name.

THE next time a National Convention of Republican Clubs is held it will be wise to hire a ten-acre field to accommodate the delegates. For a party whose mission is ended, the present gathering is immense.

COL. LUCAS does not let go so easily. What he has to say to the people of West Virginia will certainly be interesting. He should not omit to say that the only consideration he received was from the Republican side of the Senate.

THOSE capitalists who have been looking into the resources and industrial advantages of the New South made their visit before they heard from the President. If his recommendations be put into legislation, the resources of the United States will lie on the other side of the ocean. The South is wide awake enough to see the point of this.

WEST VIRGINIA gave the friends in the Republican club convention something more than ordinary amusement, and it was the Lincoln Club of Wheeling that came within five votes of knocking the persimmons. If Goff had been put in the chair West Virginia would have been proud of the compliment and the chairman would have done himself and his State credit. He will do that anyhow on the floor. Not all the good men can preside.

THE Maine law declaring the possession of a United States liquor license certificate to be prima facia evidence that the possessor is a liquor seller, may be unconstitutional, as one of the local courts says. Yet the law is not unreasonable. What is the man doing with the license certificate? Does anybody suppose he pays for it merely to decorate his place with a specimen of that particular variety of art? It seems increasingly difficult to enforce the prohibitory law in the pioneer State.

AFTER MANY YEARS.

Poor Working People Receiving Dividends on Money Deposited in a Defunct Bank.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Nearly 3,000 poor workingmen and women crowded into the Adams express building yesterday to receive the second ten per cent dividend on the amounts they deposited years ago in the old "Bee Hive" bank. The Bee Hive, as it was popularly called, was the Merchant's Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank, of which Sidney Myers was president, cashier and board of directors. If made a special bid for deposits from the laboring classes, and by paying six per cent interest on open accounts, induced about 3,000 poor men and women to entrust their savings with it. During the great financial crash of 1873 almost the entire resources of the institution were drained dry, and at that time the bank should have been declared bankrupt, but by borrowing money at an enormous rate in interest and mortgaging heavily every dollar's worth of property under his control, Sidney Myers succeeded in staving off utter ruin until September, 1877.

Perhaps it is Captain Kidd's Treasure.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 15.—The story of the finding of a buried treasure at St. Martins has caused a sensation. The amount of the find up to the present time is stated to be several bushels. Only two persons are acquainted with the treasure. One of them was in the city yesterday and had an interview with Cashier Girvan, of the Bank of New Brunswick, with a view to ascertaining the value of the find and how to realize on it. He told Mr. Girvan that it was in the shape of spade guineas, bearing the date of 1765.

The "Lincoln Wigwam" Destroyed.

TOLEDO, Dec. 15.—Fire last night destroyed the building known as "Lincoln Wigwam," on Summit street, and recently occupied by Fisko & Fisko's laundry, Devaux's restaurant, Allen & Parkhurst, wall paper, and Atkins' tobacco factory. Loss $10,000; insurance unknown. The building was erected in 1864, soon after the nomination of Abraham Lincoln in Chicago, named in honor of the wigwam built especially for that memorable convention, and was used as the headquarters of the "Wide-awake" Republican Club.

A Vermont Copper Find.

NORTH ADAMS, MASS., Dec. 15.—The geographical surveyors working in this section this season, found rich outcrops of copper in the vicinity of Stamford, Vt., which they proceeded to develop. They now have a shaft sunk to a considerable depth with such results that work has been pushed vigorously. It is not yet certain how rich the find will prove to be, but those who put money in the scheme are well satisfied.

Governor Bodwell Dead.

HALLOWELL, ME., Dec. 15.—Governor Bodwell died here to-day. His death was very sudden and unexpected, as it was believed that he was on the road to speedy recovery. He had slept well during the night. Shortly after 5 o'clock this morning he awoke and asked his nephew to put him in a chair. It was no sooner done than he expired. He died without a struggle, passing away peacefully. His death was probably caused by paralysis of the heart.

An Unconstitutional Liquor Law.

AUGUSTA, ME., Dec. 15.—The Superior Court of Kennebec county has declared the law making the payment of the United States special tax as a liquor seller prima facie evidence that the party paying such tax is a saloon keeper and therefore a public nuisance, to be unconstitutional.

A Hotel Disaster.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Dec. 15.—A heavy wind prevailed yesterday at Crescent, a new town ten miles north of here, and a hotel with sixteen inmates was blown down. Mrs. Clementia Arnold and her 10-year-old daughter were killed. All the others were badly injured.

A Gift to Our Sister Republic.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 15.—The United States Fish Commission Car No. 2 has arrived here, bringing 5,000 carp and gold fish as a gift to the Mexican Government.

MR. LUCAS KICKS

AGAINST THE SENATE'S DECISION

In Favor of Mr. Faulkner, and Will Issue an Address to the People of West Virginia—Fun for the Galleries Promised in the Future—Washington News.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15—Mr. Lucas, on his return home, will issue an address to the citizens of West Virginia announcing his utter disagreement with the conclusion of the United States Senate in seating Judge Faulkner, and declaring that it will be fully competent for the next Legislature to convene at Charleston to elect two Senators. Mr. Lucas feels that his contest has been hastily and inconsiderately disposed of by the Senate, and he is thoroughly convinced that there is a way by which the Senate may be brought to consider more deliberately the question involved in his contest against Judge Faulkner.

Mr. Lucas will return to Charlestown next Saturday. He has been the recipient of distinguished consideration during his stay here from a good many men of prominence in and out of the State.

Judge Faulkner received more dispatches to-day than all the other Senators put together. They were said to be congratulations.

West Virginia Matters in Washington.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—The probationary term of A. J. Criswell as postal clerk between Wheeling and Grafton was to-day extended ninety days. Mr. Criswell's original probation would have expired December 17. Captain Alexander C. Matthews, of Lowisburg, and D. C. Gallaher, of Charleston, came to town today. Pensions were issued to-day to Susanna C., wife of Francis S. Satterfield, of Palatine; Nancy, mother of Joseph M. Bolen, of Flat Top; Warner M. Yates, of Ravenswood, increase; William Yeager, restoration.

Senator Kenna Honored.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—Chairman Frye, of the Senate Committee on Commerce, to-day appointed a sub-committee of five Senators, of which Senator Kenna is to be chairman, to consider all nominations made by the President coming within the purview of commerce. This is a distinction for Mr. Kenna equal to a small chairmanship.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Doings in the Senate and in Official Circles Yesterday.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—The Inter-State Commerce Commission to-day gave a hearing in the case of Wm. H. Heard, a colored minister, living in Charleston, S. C., who complained that the Georgia Railroad Company, June, 1887, compelled him to ride in a coach of inferior accommodations, although he had a first class ticket.

Senator George to-day introduced a bill to protect employes and servants engaged in Inter-State Commerce and the territories and District of Columbia.

Senator Butler introduced a bill to license railway conductors engaged in Inter-State Commerce. It provides that no railroad shall employ any person as a railway conductor upon any train engaged in Inter-State Commerce, unless the person is licensed as provided by the act. It provides for a chief examiner, who shall have had five years service as a railway conductor, and of supervising examiners to constitute a national board of examiners, who shall establish all necessary regulations.

No license shall be granted to any one to act as railway conductor who has not had at least one year's experience as a railway conductor or brakeman on a surface steam railway. Any person whose application is rejected by the local examiners may appeal to the supervising inspector of the district. The bill was framed by the National Association of Railway Conductors.

Sir Thomas H. Grattan, Esmonde, and Mr. Arthur O'Conner, M. P., called at the White House to-day in company with Representatives Collins, of Massachusetts, and Spane, of Nebraska, for the purpose of paying their respects to the President. The Cabinet was in session when they arrived and it looked as though they would be kept waiting for some time. The doorkeeper, however, consented to take in their cards at once, but did not hold out much hope of success. Thereupon Mr. Collins wrote a brief note to the President, explaining their errand, and promising, if received, not to detain him very long. The doorkeeper took this to the President, who directed him to show the visitors into his private library, where he said he would see them in a few minutes.

They proceeded to the room indicated, and had just seated themselves when the President entered by the door leading to the Cabinet room and received the visitors most cordially.

The introductions were made by Mr. Collins, and a short informal conversation followed. As they were leaving the Mansion, Mr. Collins said to an Associated Press reporter, that they made the visit for the sole purpose of paying their respects, and he was very much pleased at the consideration shown by the President in leaving the Cabinet meeting to receive them. The visitors will be entertained at a banquet to-night and will leave Washington to-morrow for Chicago.

The following fourth class postoffices will be raised to the third or Presidential class January 1, next: Loudenville, O., Ephrata, Pa., Hummelstown, Pa., Lehighton, Pa., Newville, Pa., Parkers Landing, Pa., Sayre, Pa., Sheffield, Pa., Watkinsburg, Pa.

The Senate Committee on Commerce to-day appointed Messrs. Kenna, Vest, Coke, Cullom and Palmer as a sub-committee, to whom shall be referred all executive nominations which may require any investigation.

Death Lurked in the Greenbacks.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—A woman formerly employed in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, died yesterday from the effects of poison in the ink used in printing greenbacks. While handling the sheets of bills with the fresh green ink upon them she inhaled the poisonous matter and acquired a disease from which she never recovered. The ink used upon the greenbacks is the same as that used in printing the new two cent stamps, and it is undoubtedly dangerous to moisten the back of the stamps with the lips or tongue as many persons do.

The Postmasters Adjourn.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec., 15.—At the postmasters' convention this morning one delegate from each State represented was appointed as a national committee. A committee to draft and take charge of the bill to be presented to Congress was appointed. The convention then adjourned subject to the call of the National Committee.

Butterworth's Condition Unchanged.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—Congressman Butterworth's condition to-day is about the same as yesterday. His friends do not apprehend serious results.

THE FEDERATION'S WORK.

Delegate Oyster Denied Membership After a Lively Wrangle.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 15.—The American Federation of Labor reassembled at 10 o'clock A. M. A communication was read from the Stereotypers and Electrotypers' Union No. 1 of New York, protesting against the admission of the Stereotypers' Association of New York into the Federation, on the ground that the latter is composed of seceders from the older organization.

Isaac Wood, President of the Pressman's Union of New York, addressed the convention on the advantage of having a daily newspaper to advocate the labor movement. It was proposed to start a daily paper in New York on the co-operative plan. The paper will be called the *Eagle*, and will not be published until it can receive at least twenty thousand subscribers.

A resolution was offered to insist upon the passage of an amendment of recent laws, which shall more effectually restrict Chinese immigration. A resolution was offered and referred, that the Federation do not endorse any label unless the organization issuing it is connected with the A. F. of L.

There was a row over the question of admitting Delegate Oyster, of the Washington Federation of Labor. Accredited from that body, he was, on Tuesday, turned down, and this morning received credentials from the Typographical Union of Washington, and sought to obtain a seat upon the floor as the representative of that body. After much wrangling his application for admission was rejected, on account of the credentials not bearing the official seal of the typos.

A resolution was offered to retain the internal revenue tax on tobacco and cigars.

The afternoon session was consumed by the consideration of the report of the Committee on Constitution. An effort to draw the line between skilled and unskilled labor was stigmatized as the cause of the disintegration of the Knights of Labor, and a motion to strike out the words "Labor Organizations," where it occurs in the Constitution, and use the term "Trades Union" exclusively was voted down.

Powderly Still Improving.

WILKESBARRE, PA., Dec. 15.—Mr. Powderly's physician said at 7 o'clock this evening that there was no truth in the reports that Mr. Powderly was getting worse; that he was doing nicely and steadily improving.

A later dispatch says: Mr. Powderly's condition to-night is regarded as critical by his physicians. He was seized with another hemorrhage this afternoon. It is now known that since his return to his home here, he has slept very little and is very nervous and restless on that account, and is very weak in consequence of the hemorrhages. He also complains of severe pains in his chest and abdomen. No one is allowed to see him except his wife, his physicians and Tom O'Reilly, who is here conducting Mr. Powderly's correspondence.

Coke Strikers Convicted.

UNIONTOWN, PA., Dec. 15.—The four coke strikers on trial for assaulting the non-union miners at the Jimtown Coke Works, during the great strike of last year, were convicted to-day of riot and conspiracy. Forty-eight others were released for turning State's evidence. The prosecutors are all Hungarians. The maximum penalty for riot is eight years confinement in the penitentiary. An application has been made for a new trial.

THE NEW SOUTH.

The Inexhaustible Resources that are to Make it Great.

BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 15.—The *Manufacturers' Record* of this week will say: "A few weeks ago two parties of Northern and Western capitalists and iron manufacturers representing in the aggregate over $200,000,000 and including George M. Pullman, August Belmont, jr., Hon. Robert T. Lincoln, members of the banking houses of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Hallgartner & Co. and Powers & Co., of New York, and others, went South for the purpose of making a personal investigation as to the industrial and railroad progress of that section and the prospects for the future. From a number of these gentlemen the *Record* has secured letters giving their views upon the subject, as well as a letter by Hon. S. A. Schoonmaker, of the Inter-State Railroad Commission. Judge Schoonmaker's letter is based on his study of the South during the visit of the Inter-State Commission there last spring. He says that the South will soon rival if not surpass the North and West in the quantity and value of its products and in the enterprise and resources of its people. Its great advantages are inexhaustible resources and cheap production. The additional circumstances of a more homogenous country, a better appreciation of our national union, with the blessings which it secures to every portion of the country, greatly improved sanitary conditions, better schools, more pronounced individuality and increased home comforts, fill out the picture of the New South. The others speak in an equally favorable strain of the solid growth of the South.

A PROHIBITION VICTORY.

A Hard Blow on the Brewers and Liquor Dealers of Iowa.

DUBUQUE, IOWA, Dec. 15.—The Prohibitionists of Iowa scored a great victory yesterday—a victory that foreshadows the closing up of all the saloons and breweries in the State at an early date.

Judge Sheras of the United States Court, in pursuance of instructions received from Judge Brewer, remanded to the State courts all liquor injunction cases before him.

The liquor men and cold water apostles fully appreciate the widespread effect of Judge Brewer's order. It is the hardest blow struck at the beer and whisky traffic since the passage of the Clark law. The brewers hoped by sharp practice in the courts to practically nullify the law for many years. A recent ruling of the Federal District Court gave them hope that each injunction would be tried in said court separately, but they now fully realize their mistake.

The import of Judge Brewer's order is that hereafter all cases appealed from the State to the United States Court will be promptly remanded. This renders impossible the indefinite postponement and delay of cases by appeals, and will result in bringing to a speedy trial the virtue of the Iowa prohibitory law and the power of that sentiment which sustains it. This also cuts away from the brewers all prospects of securing delays, through which public opinion might be shaped in their favor. When the cases reach the State Courts they will be tried promptly and by judges who, generally speaking, favor the "dry" doctrines.

Mrs. Astor's Funeral.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The funeral of the late Mrs. John Jacob Astor took place this morning from Trinity Chapel. It was attended by all wealthy families of note in the metropolis. The edifice was thronged to the doors and many had to stand on the sidewalks in a pouring rain.

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A GREAT CONVENTION

OF THE REPUBLICAN CLUBS

Of the United States—Twelve Hundred Delegates—Auspicious Opening and Great Enthusiasm—Gen. Goff Comes Within Five Votes of the Chairmanship.

NEW YORK Dec. 15.—Standards bearing the names of the States of the Union were scattered through Chickering Hall at 10:30 this morning, when the doors were thrown open for the first National Republican Club Convention. Under these standards the delegates from the States were seated. Twelve hundred tickets had already been issued to delegates, and still they come. The largest delegations came from New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Connecticut and Rhode Island. The territories are here too. After 11 o'clock the hall began to fill rapidly, and at twenty minutes to 12 Joseph Poll, Chairman of the Committee on Organization, called the convention to order.

The Rev. Dr. McArthur offered prayer. He invoked the divine guidance for the convention and prayed that the members might remember that nothing could be right in politics which was wrong in morals; that he served his party best who served his God best. Secretary Gleason read the call for the convention. James P. Foster, President of the Republican Club of New York, was introduced, and welcomed the delegates.

MR. FOSTER'S ADDRESS.

He said: "Mr. Chairman and delegates to the National Convention of Clubs: It is with pleasure that I extend to the delegates, on behalf of the Republican Club of the city of New York, a most hearty and cordial welcome to this city, and to the duties and work of this convention. We are told that could the water be drained from the ocean bed, the course of the slave traders could be traced by the skeletons of the slaves who died at sea.

We propose to drain the water from the ocean on which Democracy is now sailing and disclose those Democratic skeletons of discord and broken faith, of corruption and intimidation at the polls, and the last attempt to beguile the people under the guise of a Congressional message by issuing a campaign manifesto on free trade, false in its utterances and untrue in its conclusions. We propose to organize, to go out and beyond the individual in order that we may work for some end and some principle higher and broader than the single man, for he who is selfishly working for himself is a danger to be avoided. He will surely make a shipwreck of every one who is attached to him. Hence we have by common consent agreed to that just and only true rule, that this Convention shall not name, recommend or nominate any candidate for office, but we shall organize. We propose an organization that shall discountenance and put to shame those personal attacks upon candidates, whereby the private character and home life are basely assailed and a public scandal for political ends unjustly created. We propose an organization that shall say to the saloon: Be ye removed from politics; [applause] you who create paupers and insanity and criminals shall no longer wield the power of government in this land. This then is the mission of this Convention."

THE CHAIRMANSHIP.

At the conclusion of his remarks, Daniel J. Ryan, of Ohio, was nominated for temporary chairman. Nathan Goff, of West Va., was also placed in nomination. Amid wild excitement and confusion the call of the roll was begun. Ryan was elected by a majority of five votes, the convention standing, Ryan, 159; Goff, 154. The vote for Ryan was then made unanimous. Mr. Poll then appointed Gen. Goff and Col. Atkinson to escort Judge Ryan to the chair. He said: "We are here to-day to reorganize the clubs of the country into a permanent organization. We are here to boom the Republican party and not any one in it. We are here on a most important business occasion. Believing we must get down to business at once I shall now ask your pleasure."

A number of secretaries were then chosen and a vice-president for each State selected. This was slow work, and at its conclusion the convention adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

HARMONY PREVAILS.

The absence of any trace of anxiety or expectancy even on the countenances of the delegates, and the jocund spirit that pervades the entire assembly indicates that the supreme issues of the National campaign at all events will not at once engage the deliberations of the Convention. Among the "visiting statesmen" present to extend congratulations to the delegates, many of whom are delegates themselves, are Senators Evarts and Hiscock and ex-Senator Warner Miller, of New York; Senator Chandler, of New Hampshire; ex-Governor R. A. Alger and Roswell G. Horr, of Michigan; C. L. Magee and John Jarrett, of Pittsburgh; ex-Governor G. P. Westmore, Senator Aldrich and Congressman Spooner, of Rhode Island; Congressman N. D. Spring and Lynde Harrison, of Connecticut; M. J. Condon, of Knoxville, Tenn.; Judge Hunter and ex-Governor Anthony, of Kansas; Congressman Sholabarger, of Ohio; Green B. Raum, of Illinois, and Judge Morrison, of Arizona.

During the proceedings, ex-Congressman Horr, of Michigan, will deliver an address upon the liquor and saloon question, and ex-Senator Warner Miller and Representatives McKinley and Boroughs will deliver addresses on the subject of the tariff. The manner in which these efforts may be received is counted on as likely to afford some indication of the preference of the delegates as to their favorites in the Presidential race, while on the other hand it is contended with a fair show of reason that the conditions under which the Republican campaign is to be conducted next year are vastly different from those which the party controlled while in power. Voluntary Republican organizations throughout the entire country are therefore recognized to be absolutely indispensable to the successful conduct of the campaign.

The mission of the New York conventions is therefore regarded as a peremptorily necessary one, and it is considered none too early to begin the campaign. A committee on associate organizations was appointed by the New York Club some time ago, and the convention practically originated from that body. It is believed that such a basis will be decided upon at the convention as to secure the co-operation of clubs now existing throughout all the States and territories, and to favor the organization of clubs where none exist, so that the augmented and united organizations may attain to the same power in State and National politics as that hitherto wielded by the Republican party when it held the reins of the national administration.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

The several committees met at 4 o'clock. Senator Chandler, of New Hampshire, was chosen Chairman of the Committee on Rules; G. S. Bachelor, of New York, on Credentials; F. H. Cruger, of Michigan, Permanent Convention Organization; J. A. Kasson, of Iowa, on Resolutions, and James Boyd, of Ohio, on League Club Organization.

The Committee on Rules and Order of Business prepared the following report:

1. That the unit of representation, when the roll call is demanded by the chairmen of five States or Territories, shall be that of the club; each club to have one vote, to be determined by a majority of the delegates present.

2. Each State shall have a Chairman, who shall announce the vote of the various clubs of the State, and object to a demand for a roll call of the clubs for that State, by any one of its clubs.

3. The order of business shall be: First—Reports of committees. Second—Credentials. Third—Permanent Organization. Fourth—Extension of Club Organization. Fifth—Resolutions. Sixth—No person shall be permitted to speak on any pending question for more than five minutes, without the consent of the Convention.

The other committees appointed subcommittees to report at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

A BIG PUBLIC MEETING.

This evening the clubs held a public meeting in Cooper Union. Despite the rain, which had been falling all day, there was a large attendance, including many ladies.

The first speaker was Hon. John R. Lynch, the colored orator of Mississippi. He said he was there to speak on the suppression of the colored vote in the South. In his part of the country they believed that up here there were Republicans who believed that speaking of the suppression of the Republican votes in the South is waiving the bloody shirt. But he would explain what the suppression meant.

Jefferson Davis is a former constituent of his. He lived in the district which he (Mr. Lynch) represented in Congress. He thought he would still represent that district if a fair vote could be had. "By form of law," he continued, "Cleveland is President; but morally he has no more right there than he has to the throne of Great Britain. Mr. Cleveland could no more get the electoral votes of Mississippi, Louisiana and South Carolina, than he could those of Pennsylvania, Vermont and Ohio. There are over 20,000 more colored men than white in Mississippi. Not less than one-third of the whites vote the Republican ticket, and no more than one-third of the blacks vote the Democratic ticket. Yet the State is always safely and surely Democratic. They go through the forms of elections down there, but as soon as the Democratic conventions are over the polls are closed.

The speaker accused President Cleveland of violating his civil service professions in his appointments in the South.

A letter from John S. Wise, of Virginia, was read. He did not speak hopefully of Virginia's Republican vote. He thought the only clubs that would be of use there were hickory clubs.

Hon. John Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, who next spoke, dwelt principally on the tariff. He attributed the surplus and many other ills to the internal revenue. Pennsylvania, he said, is as able to bear revenue or tariff as any other State, but she stood up for the labor and money invested throughout the country. If the chimnies of the factories of the land be banked by an abolition of the tariff, where will the capital and labor go?

The chairman announced that to-morrow there will be a meeting in Chickering Hall at which Col. Atkinson, of Michigan, Gen. Nathan Goff, of West Virginia, Mr. Sypher, of Iowa, and others will speak.

The Committee on Permanent Organization will to-morrow present the name of Senator Evarts for the permanent chairmanship of the convention.

Anti-Saloon Republicans.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 15.—The annual meeting of the New York State League of Anti-Saloon Republicans began here this afternoon. There was a good attendance, including representative men from all parts of the State. The sessions will continue two days, closing with a mass meeting.

FINE STATE OF AFFAIRS.

A Supposed Prisoner Leading a Free and Easy Life in San Jose.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—A San Francisco special says: James Harkins, who was supposed to be serving a sentence of twelve months' imprisonment in the jail at San Jose, has been discovered walking around the city. Harkins, who is known as "Uncle Jimmy," is the head of the opium smuggling ring which a few years ago controlled the Custom House and the United States Court Commissioners and conducted operations on a scale that made several of the conspirators very wealthy. Harkins owns three large ranches in the best part of Santa Cruse county. The crime on which he was convicted was the bribing of the United States Court Commissioner O'Brien to discharge two boatmen caught smuggling $10,000 worth of opium from a Pacific mail steamer lying in San Francisco bay. O'Brien was once indicted for receiving the money but was not convicted. He maintained the money was merely borrowed from Harkins, who showed a note to that effect. Since then O'Brien has steadily descended in the social and financial scale, and though a young man, is a complete wreck. Some months ago he confessed that he had prejured himself at the first examination and had been bribed by Harkins. Harkins was indicted and sentenced to one year's imprisonment by Judge Hoffman of the United States District Court. He was given his choice of jails, and selected that at San Jose. Yesterday he was seen strolling around town without a guard and inquiry reveals the fact that he is boarding at the leading hotel of the city, goes riding every afternoon on the fashionable drive and spends days without surveillance at the duck shooting grounds of a club fifteen miles from the city.

Terrible Treatment of a Woman.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Dec. 15.—A special from Meridan, Miss., to the *Picayune* says: "Information has been received from Smith county that Mrs. Fanny Husbands, while traveling to her brother's house, some miles from her own home, was assaulted by a negro and robbed. After committing the robbery the negro cut out the lady's tongue. Mrs. Husbands recognized the negro and wrote his name so that he would be arrested. The husband of the unfortunate lady is a man of considerable means, and it is supposed the negro thought his victim had money with her."

A Mysterious Murder.

PITTSBURGH, PA., Dec. 15.—The remains of William McCabe, a well-dressed, middle-aged man, were found lying across the track of the Little Miami railroad, near Cedarville, Ohio, at an early hour this morning by the crew of a freight train. There was a deep gash on the head, evidently inflicted with a blunt instrument, and his watch and chain were missing. From the position of the body when discovered and the surrounding circumstances, it is believed that the man was murdered and his body placed upon the track to cover up the crime. The body was sent to Xenia, Ohio.

A Murderous Young Woman.

TORONTO, Dec. 15.—Annie Burke, aged twenty-two, daughter of William Burke, a gardener, has confessed to poisoning her mother who died Tuesday. She had threatened to poison the whole family. She recently attempted to stab her father.

For Murdering Nine People.

MACON, GA., Dec. 15.—This was the tenth day of the trial of Woolfolk, for the murder of nine of his family. The jury was charged at noon, and in twenty minutes brought in a verdict of guilty. He was sentenced to be hung February 10.

MR. HENRY S. IVES

ARRAIGNED FOR A BIG THEFT

In Connection with His Railroad Deals. Some Inside Facts About the B. & O. Directors' Meeting on Wednesday. The Clash with the Syndicate.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Henry S. Ives was arraigned this afternoon in the Tombs Police Court for the stealing of $100,000 from the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad. Julius Dexter, President of the road, was examined. He testified that Ives had never accounted for the $100,000 draft in question. Mr. Dexter said he had been an officer of the Company only since August 11. He owned two shares of stock, which had been transferred to him by Ives, who canceled seven-eighths of the stock of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton. He could not be positive that Ives had not notified the treasurer of the draft transaction. When Ives threatened to enjoin him from raising the sevens loan he threatened to proceed against him criminally. Witness was now prosecuting without authority of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton. An examination of the books showed that on June 6th Ives loaned to Robert Garrett $200,000. The $100,000 was charged to Ives as trustee.

Mr. Johnson, counsel for Ives, here moved to dismiss the complaint on the ground of want of evidence and Justice Kelbreth took the papers.

BALTIMORE & OHIO MATTERS.

Some inside facts of yesterday's Baltimore & Ohio meeting at Baltimore, are leaking out.

After the meeting it was stated that a good deal of routine business had been disposed of, but the selection of vice presidents was not discussed. A belief prevails in railroad circles that Mr. William M. Clements and Mr. Frank Harriott are in the line of vice presidencies. At the election in Wilmington on Monday Mr. Clements succeeded retired Vice President Thomas M. King in the Baltimore & Philadelphia Road. This looks like a straw.

The Baltimore & Ohio Company, having accepted the terms of the syndicate mortgage, it is understood that the financial scheme will be promptly made effective. The proceedings at the extra meeting of the board on last Saturday and the preliminaries to it are said to have been very interesting to the people concerned in the affairs of the company. At a previous meeting of the board the consolidated mortgage negotiated with the syndicate was presented, but it was not pressed. Mr. A. P. Gorman, of the State Directors, and Mr. McKenney White, of the City Directors, insisted that a statement should be made showing the liabilities and the necessity for the unusual contract that had been made with the syndicate. This was promised. After that the annual stockholders' meeting was held, and the syndicate, which had the privilege to appoint three or four directors, named their selections. When the new board was completed an extra meeting was called, on last Saturday, and the mortgage was presented for ratification. It was accompanied by a financial statement which city and State directors insisted showed absolutely nothing. It was, however, proposed, outside of their objections, to have the mortgage contract ratified without the demanded explanation.

A speech that was made at this point on the side of the objectors was said by one of the veteran directors to have caused a scene such as has not been witnessed at a Baltimore & Ohio directors' meeting for a quarter of a century. The speaker, it is said, gave notice in the most emphatic way that the syndicate mortgage could not be approved at that sitting, and that he believed the Board of Public Works of the State would be justified in enjoining any action on the part of the company unless the board of directors were furnished with all the facts relating to the transaction.

The President finally produced a printed statement, which has been published. The city and State directors asked for time to consider this statement, and hence the recess of two hours which was taken by the board. The directors who had secured the recess are understood to have decided that there was nothing to be done except to carry out the contract, as it appeared by the statement that after crediting $1,000,000 received from the sale of the express, there remains nearly $9,000,000 of floating debt carried by the syndicate.

WEST VERGINIA MILITIA.

Officers Lately Commissioned by Governor Wilson.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., Dec., 15.—To R. H. Freer, Major First Battalion; L. G. Bennington, Adjutant First Battalion; W. S. Hamilton, Captain Ritchie Guards, vice R. H. Freer, promoted. L. R. Fox, Second Lieutenant Ritchie Guards, vice L. G. Bennington, promoted; Clarence L. Smith, Captain Elkins Guards at Fairmont. John S. Hamilton, First Lieutenant and Thomas H. B. Staggers, Second Lieutenant, same company. H. H. Andrew, Captain Monroe Light Infantry, at Union; M. M. Johnson, First Lieutenant and W. S. Early, Second Lieutenant, same company; D. U. O'Brien, Captain of the Gilmer Guards; S. Brown, First Lieutenant; B. W. Deadows, Second Lieutenant, and Thomas Kenedy, Third Lieutenant, same company. The Gilmer Guards number eighty men and were mustered in on the 10th.

An order has been issued for the commissioned officers of the First Battalion, the Gilmer Guards and Elkins Guards to meet at Grafton, December 23, for the purpose of forming the First Regiment.

The resignation of First Lieutenant John H. Lininger, of the Ritchie Guards, was tendered and accepted to take effect November 30.

Duped by a Democratic Heeler.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Dec. 15.—The Brooklyn Civil Service Commission has just discovered that it has been hoodwinked by Patrick Staunton, a driver of a lumber wagon, and an active Democratic ward politician. Some time since Staunton aspired to become a fireman and succeeded in having his name enrolled on the eligible list with 97½ per cent marked to his credit. It now appears that he can neither read nor write, and that some one personated him at the examination. His name has been stricken from the list. There is no law for the punishment of the principal or confederate in such cases.

Ohio Grangers Against Free Wool.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 15.—State Grange is in session at Canton. Among the resolutions adopted to-day was one opposing placing of raw materials on the free list, protesting against any further reduction in the wool tariff, and demanding the restoration of the tariff of 1867.

Tony Hart Seriously Ill.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—It is stated that Tony Hart, the comedian, shows signs of paralysis, the species of brain decay which killed John McCullough and is killing Bartley Campbell. Mr. Hart has not appeared on the stage for some time.

THE STATE LINE ROAD.

The People Reported in Favor of It—Encouraging Signs.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WELLSBURG, Dec. 15.—A correspondent, in connection with the secretary of the Wheeling, Wellsburg & State Line Railway, who has recently returned from a trip over the proposed line of the road as far as to the Hickory gas fields, on the divide between the waters of Cross Creek and the Chartiers, reports that the people are all in favor of the road and will aid liberally in local subscriptions and right of way. He further states that he has recently received letters from responsible parties in New York proposing to undertake the negotiation of the securities of the road if the proper showing is made. If, as Mr. Paul says, the people who are interested in the construction of this road will subscribe liberally to the enterprise it can be built on the terms proposed. Without the local aid it cannot be done, but with such aid and the construction of the Ohio roads and the Union bridge at Wheeling, it will be an assured success. In fact the people of Brooke county are interested in the matter, and are only waiting on the action of Ohio county in regard to the bridge. Should they report favorable to the project, our people are ready and willing to take hold.

St. Clairsville's Marshal Dead.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

ST. CLAIRSVILLE, O., Dec. 15.—Robert Buffington, Town Marshal, who has been a sufferer for several years from a disease of the kidney and bladder, died this afternoon, aged about 45 years. The deceased leaves a wife and one child. Mr. Buffington will be remembered by the old members of the Ninety-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Company E, of which he was a fife-major in the drum corps. He was well and favorably known along the river front of Ohio county, and has a large acquaintance in Wheeling. He had filled the office of Marshal of St. Clairsville for nearly four years, and was one of the best of officers—always performing his duty, and holding the good will of all the citizens. He was a member of Drummond Post, No. 203, and his funeral will be conducted under its auspices Saturday.

"INSHAVOGUE."

Something About Ben Maginley and His Irish Play.

The familiar face of Ben Maginley will be seen at the Opera House to-morrow afternoon and evening in his great character of Brian Maguire, alias "Inshavogue." The play takes its name from the principal character, that assumed by Mr. Maginley, and he as a leader of a band of "peep o'day boys" of 1798 is given the name of the town he came from. Brian Maguire, after the "98" struggle is obliged to fly from Ireland. Soon after his flight a daughter is born to his wife, who remained in the old land. The mother survives the birth of the child but a brief time, and the little one is substituted for one which died in the rich family of Sir Roderick O'Dwer. Inshavogue is ignorant of the death of his wife and the birth of his child, and upon returning to Ireland many years after his flight he becomes an unwilling instrument of misfortune to his own daughter. The part of the villain does not fit the patriotic Irishman and his better nature is constantly asserting itself. In the struggle between manly and base actions, the tribulations of pretty Norah Maguire and her ultimate happiness, the discomfiture of the villain and the reunion of Inshavogue with his daughter, the drama is strong, filled with human interest and is enlivened with singing and dancing. Novel scenic effects, an Irish glen by moonlight, with cascade of running water, said to be a very marvel of stage art.

Mr. Maginley will be supported by an excellent company under the management of Charles H. Hicks.

Reserved seats are now on sale at Baumer's music store, and judging from the general interest manifested, Mr. Maginley's Wheeling engagement will be a triumphant success.

Major Camp's Meeting.

There was a large audience at the rink last night to hear Major Camp deliver an interesting address on temperance. After singing by the choir, "In the Cleft of the Rock," Dr. R. F. Randolph offered a fervent prayer in behalf of the temperance work.

Major Camp then came forward and addressed them, talking to them for over an hour, and all present listened eagerly to every word the speaker uttered. Among the number of characteristic sayings of the speaker the following were noted:

"Temperance is the best investment capital ever sought outside of the church of God."

"Liquor is stimulating; so is hot coals of fire stimulating if you get your foot on it."

"If you swallow a handful of tacks and they get lodged in your stomach, it will give you an appetite, I pledge you my word. Anything that irritates your stomach will give you an appetite."

After singing "Rescue the Perishing," Rev. S. E. Jones made a strong speech. The crowds continue to increase each night. A number of young men signed the pledge.

"Nick of the Woods."

A fair audience witnessed the performance of "Nick of the Woods, or the Jibbenainosay," by Mr. William Lang and a company of Pittsburgh amateurs, at the Grand Opera House last night. It is to be given every night this week and Saturday afternoon, for the benefit of the Ohio Valley Trades and Labor Assembly. Mr. Lang plays the *roles* of Jibbenainosay, Bloody Nathan, Nick of the Woods, Avenger, Reginald Ashburn and the Spirit of the Waters. He is assisted by Elmer Shaner, James Flynn, Charles Foster and other gentl