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THREE MORTAL HOURS

The Democrats Consume in Wrestling With Each Other.

THE SENATORIAL SITUATION

As Unsolvable as Ever—It Looks Like no Election—Senate Members of the Contest Committee—Senators Maxwell and Morris.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., Feb. 19.—For three mortal hours the Democrats wrestled with each other in the caucus conference to-night upon the Senatorial situation, arriving at no conclusion, save that they would try it over again to-morrow night. The Kennaites still shout Kenna, while those who conscientiously believe an election should be secured before the session adjourns are becoming more determined in their efforts to arrive at some conclusion. As the session advanced member after member dropped out in disgust, not a very large number remaining when it adjourned. There is but little hope that anything will be accomplished to-morrow night.

THE BALLOTING.

The Democratic Forces Still Demoralized, Goff Holds His Ground.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., Feb. 19.—Two ballots were taken to-day, Kenna experiencing a loss in the first, but rallying in the second. Senator Arbuckle started the break in the first ballot by voting for Governor Wilson, followed by Flournoy, who voted for J. J. Davis, Price and Sweeney who voted for J. B. Jackson, and Vanpelt, who voted for Governor Wilson. President Carr voted for Edward Robertson in both ballots, as did both Harr and Kirk. In the second ballot all the Democratic Senators voted for Kenna. Of the House Altizer returned to Kenna; Chew voted for Flournoy in the first and Price in the second ballot. Corcoran voted each time for Edward Robertson, and Dorr, Ford, Merrill, Peck, Sprigg and Sydenstricker voted each time for Governor Wilson. Jack voted each time for George E. Price. Johnson voted in the first ballot for W. R. Thompson and in the second returned to Kenna. McClung voted in the first ballot for Governor Wilson and in the second for Kenna. Shanklin voted each time for Hereford. Shaw, in the first ballot, voted for Governor Wilson and in the second returned to Kenna, and Speaker Woods voted in both ballots for Henry S. Walker. The whole number of votes cast was eighty-nine.

First ballot—Goff 42, Kenna 25, Governor Wilson 10, Robertson 4, J. B. Jackson 2, Flournoy, Davis, Price, Thompson, Hereford and Walker 1 each.

Second ballot—Goff 42, Kenna 33, Governor Wilson 6, Robertson 4, Price 2, Hereford and Walker 1 each.

THE GUBERNATORIAL CONTEST.

The Senate Selects Its Two Members of the Committee—Senators Morris and Maxwell Chosen.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., Feb. 19.—The Senate has selected as its members of the Joint Committee to act in the contest of A. B. Fleming against General Goff, Senators Morris and Maxwell, selections that meet with general approval from all the Republicans of this section, as well as many Democrats who have confidence in the integrity and fairness of these gentlemen. It is a particularly noticeable fact, and one which must be highly satisfactory to Senator Morris, that he was elected on the first ballot, receiving beside the full Republican strength the vote of three Democrats. Senator Morris' position is not as well understood throughout the State as it should be. The howl of wading in blood to the boot tops and other sanguinary, in fact revolutionary utterances, that have been attributed to him he has never made use of, and these have been taken up and handed around by newspapers that have no representative at the capital, until Morris is made to appear a veritable bloody-bones. The fact is there is no Republican member who is more respected on the floor. He is an aggressive partisan, but in every action aims to do that which he believes conscientiously to be right. This is no better demonstrated than by the complimentary Democratic votes he received to-day, and it comes straight from the Democrats that enough votes would have been given him from that side to elect, no matter how many he would have needed.

When the time arrived for the election to be held a recess of fifteen minutes was taken that a conference might be held. Senator Oxley, of the Democrats, waited upon the Republicans to ascertain whether the selection was to be two Republicans, or if each side were to have representation.

Profiting by the experiences of the past, and keeping in view Senator Price's views as to abundant precaution, he was told it would be two Republicans. It took the Republicans but a few moments thereafter to settle, without any dissension, upon Morris and Maxwell as their representatives.

Returning to the Chamber, Senator Morris was elected on the first ballot, receiving 17 votes. It required three more ballots before Senator Maxwell received the necessary 14 votes, Senator Woodyard receiving 12 votes in the second and 13 in the third. Prior to taking the fourth ballot Senator Woodyard announced that under no circumstances would he serve, and then the election was secured.

The rumor pretty industriously circulated that Governor Wilson had his proclamation prepared and at a moment's notice was ready to spring it reconvening the Legislature, is alleged to be without a shadow of foundation.

THE ROUTINE WORK.

The Wheeling Bill Reconsidered—Considerable Business Transacted.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., Feb. 19.—Considerable Legislative work was accomplished to-day. Upon motion of Senator Scott the vote by which Senate bill No. 102, the bill which empowers the city of Wheeling to generate, distribute, etc., electricity and gas was rejected, was reconsidered and the bill reinstated upon the calendar.

Senate joint resolution No. 13, providing for the sitting of the committee to enquire into the Gubernatorial contest during vacation of the Legislature was adopted by the House and communicated to the Senate.

House joint resolution No. 22, providing for the lighting of the Capitol by electricity was rejected by the Senate by a vote of 14 to 13.

The consideration of Senate joint resolution No. 14, the resolution introduced by Mr. Snyder providing for the extension of the session one day, the Legislature then to adjourn until April 17, was made the special order for to-morrow at 11 o'clock, all other resolutions looking to the extension of the session being deferred until to-morrow.

In the Senate, among others, the following bills were passed: Senate bill No. 9, authorizing the independent district of Point Pleasant to issue bonds; No. 34, conferring the right of sub-school districts to lay a larger levy for school purposes than the district in which it is situated; No. 17, providing for the removal of suits in justices' courts to the Circuit Court upon the application of either plaintiff or defendant where the amount in controversy exceeds $50; No. 16, relating to the carrying of deadly weapons, making it a felony upon a second conviction; No. 8, securing to persons confined in insane asylums their postal rights; No. 6, Senator Scott's bill relating to exemptions of taxation and securing the exemptions of property of the Young Men's Christian Association; No. 109, providing for the extension and consolidation of certain railroads; No. 53, relating to the sale of intoxicants and providing that no debt can be collected for intoxicants sold in quantities of less than one gallon, and No. 80, providing for the further publication and sale of the Code to contain the acts of this session, and setting the retail price at $4.

The announcement of the vote upon Senate joint resolution No. 4, providing for striking out the provisions of the Constitution in relation to registration, showed that the resolution had been adopted by a vote of 18 to 7.

The entire session of the House this afternoon was taken up in committee of the whole, considering and amending House bill No. 11, the appropriation bill.

Just before adjournment a motion was entered to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 163, fixing the amount of the school levy was defeated.

OHIO POLITICS.

A Stake of $75,000 and a Very Fine Row Ahead.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 19.—Recent utterances of James B. Townsend, chairman of the Ohio Democratic Committee, and partner of Calvin S. Brice, lead to the inference that the Lima millionaire will oppose the nomination of James E. Campbell for Governor by the Democrats. It is said that Brice favors the nomination of Martin A. Foran, of Cleveland, and that the two have formed a combination with the object of putting the millionaire into the United States Senate, and the Congressman into the Governor's chair. It is also said that the Democratic leaders have placed the price of the Senatorship at $75,000.

The announcement that Senator Payne intends to seek a vindication through a re-election has further complicated matters. His unexpected coming upon the political field will give the Brice men more trouble, and will probably result in the formation of another combination, the principal figures being Payne and Campbell. Brice having determined to brush Campbell aside and boom Foran will force an alliance between Payne and the ex-Congressman from the Butler district. As matters stand to-day this division of the boodlers is sure to come, and, if Mr. Payne insists on a vindication, it is difficult to see how such combinations as indicated above are to be prevented. Just think of Brice and Foran as the leaders of one faction and Payne and Campbell marshaling an opposing wing of the Ohio Bourbons.

"General" Thomas E. Powell, late defeated candidate for Governor, is not satisfied with the way things are running and his friends are likely to further add to the complications that now surround the Bourbon bosses. He has been completely ignored in the management of affairs. While it is not known whose cause he will espouse in the contest, it is pretty evident that Campbell, his principal competitor before the Cleveland convention, will not be nominated if Powell can prevent it. Campbell, after being defeated for the nomination, sulked in his tent.

THE GREAT CLUB MEETING

To Be Held in Baltimore Next Week—The Arrangements Perfected.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 19.—Andrew R. Humphrey, Secretary of the Republican League of the United States, arrived in Baltimore yesterday and found the arrangements made by the local clubs for the National convention, which will convene here on the 28th of this month, quite satisfactory. Mr. Humphrey said: "At the National convention held December 15, 1887, in New York, only 300 clubs were represented, but at the convention which will assemble here thirty States and territories will send 300 delegates and alternates representing 1,000 active clubs and over a million voters. Each State League will send its president and four delegates, also four alternates, making nine official members with a voting power of five. A number of active Republicans will be here, making in all probably 1,000 persons in attendance.

"The convention will be organized by President Foster and myself and will then take matters in its own hand. Its work will be devoted to reviewing the work of the past year, hearing the reports of State Leagues and outlining a general plan of action to be followed by the different leagues in harmony. It is intended to make the club feature a permanent and prominent feature in Republican politics and to promote the social feature in order to hold the clubs together in off years. I believe the Republican majority in the next Congress is due almost entirely to the work of these clubs."

THEY ARE ALL AT SEA.

The Cabinet Speculators Are Worse Mixed Up Than Ever.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 19.—All is again doubt and uncertainty here as to the cabinet appointments. Last evening one of the local papers printed a list of cabinet appointments in such a way as to give it an authorized account. The list was sent broadcast over the country by special correspondents, and the result has been seen to-day in the multiplication of telegrams that have poured in upon General Harrison. The publication Saturday afternoon gained some credence here, but to-night there are so many opinions as there are publications. Great doubt has been expressed to-day as to Wanamaker, Rusk, Thomas and even Noble. There were numbers that thought the Navy was not to go New York, and that the South would be given a place. The greatest interest seems to be centered in the Pacific Slope. Many of the Republicans, who attended the Chicago Convention openly declare it will be a breach of good faith if the Slope is ignored and they refuse to admit that it will be.

Important Decision.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.—In the case of Gore vs. Best, the Supreme Court of California has decided that when the Government had patented lands to the Central Pacific railroad with the understanding that they were agricultural lands, the said railroad could not afterwards be dispossessed of them by persons settling up mining claims thereon, even should the lands prove to be mineral, unless there is a reservation of mineral lands other than the general one by the Government.

CONGRESSIONAL NEWS.

The Senate Refuses to Go Into Executive Session

TO CONFIRM APPOINTMENTS

Of the President by a Party Vote—A Parody on Legislation at the Evening Session of the House. Other Washington News.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—The Senate to-day proceeded to the consideration of the Sundry Civil appropriation bill. Among the amendments reported by the Committee on Appropriations and agreed to by the Senate was one for the completion of the postoffice building at Fort Scott, Kansas, $8,000. Also $2,000 for expenses of a board of three engineers, officers of the Army, to examine the northwest coast for a deep water harbor.

Mr. Harris interrupted the reading of the bill to call attention to the large number of unconfirmed nominations. He held it to be as much the duty of the President to make nominations to fill official vacancies as to perform any other official duty, and as much the duty of the Senate to consider and confirm or reject such nominations as to perform any other Senatorial duty.

He recalled the facts that President Arthur had, after the Presidential election of 1884, sent to the Senate 612 nominations, all of which were confirmed except 20, and that President Hayes, had, after the Presidential election of 1880, sent to the Senate 680 nominations, nearly all of which were confirmed. In view of these facts, he moved that the Senate do now proceed to the consideration of executive business.

The motion was rejected by a party vote—yeas 24, nays 28.

Mr. Harris—I shall give the Senate an opportunity to vote on this motion every day to the end of the session.

Mr. Edmunds (Ironically)—That is right.

Mr. Blair—And I give notice that at the conclusion of this bill, I will move that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the joint resolution proposing amendment to the constitution prohibiting the manufacture, importation, transportation and sale of alcoholic liquors.

The reading of the bill was reserved.

The Senate amendment to pay to Mrs. Waite $8,745, the balance of one year's salary of the late Chief Justice Waite, encountered considerable opposition, but was finally agreed to. Yeas 28, nays 16. The Senators voting in the negative were Bates, Berry, Blodget, Brown, Cockrell, Coke, Colquett, Daniel, George, Gorman, Harris, Morgan, Plumb, Reagan, Vest and Walthall.

The amendment appropriating $40,000 each for statues of General Philip H. Sheridan and General John A. Logan in Washington was agreed to, and Mr. Daniel gave notice that after all the committee amendments were disposed of he would offer a similar amendment for a statue of General Winfield Scott Hancock.

Mr. Plumb gave notice of an amendment making honorably discharged soldiers and sailors and their widows and children eligible for appointment, transfer and promotion, subject only to such action as may be provided by heads of departments and without competition examination.

Without completing the bill the Senate adjourned.

In the House.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—Pursuant to agreement, the floor was accorded for one hour to the Committee on Printing, and a number of extra copies of various public documents were ordered printed.

The hour having expired, the House went into Committee of the Whole (Mr. Turner, of Georgia, in the chair) on the Postoffice Appropriation bill.

The session to-night was a perfect parody on legislation. It was called for the consideration of business reported from the Committee on Military Affairs. The first bill called up was one appropriating $100,000 for the erection of a monument at Fort Greene, Brooklyn, to the memory of the victims of the prison ships.

Mr. Kilgore, of Texas, raised the point of no quorum against this measure and it was withdrawn. But although the bone of contention was thus removed, the contention still remained, and Mr. Felix Campbell, of New York, irritated at the defeat by one man of a measure in which he was specially interested, determined that no measure called up should receive favorable consideration. Consequently, as each measure was called to the attention of the House, Mr. Campbell raised the point of no quorum against it, and it was withdrawn. Appeals and entreaties were of no avail; Mr. Campbell was unrelenting and would permit no legislation to be enacted. The parody continued until 10 o'clock, when the session expired by limitation.

THE MAJORITY IN CONGRESS.

Evans of Tennessee Will Get His Certificate. The West Virginia Cases.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—Private advices received here announce that the Supreme Court of Tennessee has unanimously decided that the Governor can not be restrained from issuing an election certificate to Mr. Evans, the Republican candidate in the Chattanooga district. This is a district that the Republicans expected, but could not feel absolutely sure of, as the court is Democratic. This assures the Republicans of a majority in the next House of at least seven at the organization, unless some of the fifteen Republicans, who have not yet filed their certificates with the clerk, are delinquent. The only two districts in which certificates have not been issued are in West Virginia, and the Republicans have a show of getting one of them. In this case they will have nine of a majority.

North and South Dakota.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—After many hours consultation the conferees on the omnibus territorial bill reached a conclusion at 6 o'clock this evening and to-night Messrs. Platt and Springer are preparing the report to accompany the return of the bill to the two houses to-morrow. The bill as agreed to by the conferees fixes the name of the two Dakotas as North and South Dakota.

Last Cabinet Dinner.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—The President and Mrs. Cleveland were entertained at dinner to-night by Secretary and Mrs. Vilas. It was the last of the cabinet dinners of the present administration.

Rioting in a Mining Camp.

HELENA, MONT., Feb. 19.—A critical state of affairs prevails at Castle mining camp. The mines have been closed on account of lack of funds and the men have been paid off. Manager King escaped lynching a few days ago by the possession of a fast horse. The men had failed to receive anything out of a sale of bullion. Rioting has occurred and more trouble is imminent.

THE CHARLESTON MURDER.

Examination of the Parties Charged With a Terrible Double Crime.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., Feb. 19.—The preliminary examination of S. A. Higginbotham, one of the parties charged with the murder of Simon and Rachel Wallace and burning the store room of Wallace & Kelley, began to-day before justices Hall and Salman. Chris Summers, Jonathan Edens and Charles Littlepage, were examined as witnesses for the State, the object being to prove that while the hotel property was held in the name of N. H. Givens it was under the entire control of Higginbotham, and was heavily insured. Messrs. Sylvester Chapman, A. B. Littlepage, H. L. Boggs, S. C. Burdett and J. W. Kennedy are representing the State and the firm of Watts Thompson & Ashby, have also been engaged to assist the prosecution. The prisoner is represented by N. A. McCorkie and S. D. Littlepage.

A New Pastor.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA., Feb. 19.—The Baptist church of this city, which has been without a pastor since Rev. Dr. J. W. Carter went to Raleigh, North Carolina, has sent a formal call to Rev. J. D. James, D. D., of Germantown, Pa. This action was taken unanimously last night at a *business meeting of this* church. It is understood that Dr. James will accept the call. He is forty years of age, a graduate of Crozier's Theological Seminary and has traveled and studied abroad.

Attempted Suicide.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

PARKERSBURG, Feb. 19.—William Richardson, of Marietta, attempted to commit suicide yesterday by cutting his throat with a razor. He is in a precarious condition. Richardson was mentally unbalanced, having injured his head a short time ago while working in the chair factory at Marietta.

No Change of Policy.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 19.—Robert W. Kelly, President and General Manager of the Kanawha & Ohio Railway, was appointed receiver of the road by the United States Court at New York. The present heads of the departments and employes will be retained in their old positions and the road will be conducted as heretofore.

OHIO SOCIETY.

The Fourth Annual Banquet at Delmonico's Last Night.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Covers were laid for 250 guests at the fourth annual banquet of the Ohio Society at Delmonico's to-night. Although no formal toast had been arranged for the occasion, it was expected that impromptu remarks on the characteristics and greatness of the Buckeye State would be made by Senator John Sherman, Congressman McKinley and others.

The failure of the above named gentlemen to put in an appearance was the occasion of general regret.

President Swayne occupied the seat of honor.

Prominent among those present were Hon. M. M. Boothman, Hon. A. C. Thomson, C. N. Bliss of the New England Society, Hon. C. H. Grosvenor, Hon. William Windom, President B. Plumb, General Roger A. Pryor, Stephen W. Dorsey, Richard Smith, Jr., Thomas Ewing, General O. O. Howard and George Rutledge Gibson. Letters of regret were received from Joseph D. Taylor, W. S. Rosecrans, Robert C. Schenck, Rutherford B. Hayes and Congressman Sunset Cox.

THE MAGEEITES SUCCESSFUL

The Republicans Make Gains in Pittsburgh and Allegheny—The Magee Faction Downs the Quay Men.

PITTSBURGH, PA., Feb. 19.—The municipal elections to-day in Pittsburgh and Allegheny resulted in a slight increase in the Republican representation in Councils. The present Councils in the two cities are Republican by a good working majority. The election was spirited in a number of wards in this city, where there was a fight between the Magee and McCallen factions of the Republican party, but in nearly every instance the Mageeites were successful. A large number of arrests were made for illegal voting.

Cotton Exposition Opened.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Feb. 19.—The Cotton Palace, constructed under the direction of the Ladies' Charitable Aid Association, in Lafayette square, was thrown open to the public last night. Addresses were made by Governor Nicholls, Mayor Shakespeare, A. H. May and an oration by Judge C. E. Fenner, of the State Supreme Court. The building was well filled with visitors and a large number of prominent citizens occupied seats on the platform.

City Collectors in Trouble.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., Feb. 19.—Ignatz Ledero, city tax-collector and his assistant, Harry M. Loehr, have been arrested, charged with forgery and grand larceny. The specific charge was altering the county records and collecting taxes in excess of the amount assessed. The complaint was brought by a merchant who found he had been overcharged $20.

Law and Order League.

BOSTON, Feb. 19.—The first business of the seventh annual convention of the citizens Law and Order League of the United States was called to order this forenoon by Hon. Charles Carroll Bonney, of Chicago, President of the League. Mr. Bonney addressed the convention briefly, setting forth the objects and aspirations of the League.

Booming Louisiana.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Feb. 19.—A Convention of former citizens of the Gulf, Atlantic and Middle States, now residents of Louisiana, to put upon record their personal experiences since their sojourn in this State, with a view of encouraging immigration, assembled at Ruston, Lincoln Parish, yesterday.

Denied the Application.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Justice Patterson of the Supreme Court has denied the application of Henry Gillig, late of the American Exchange in Europe, in his suit against Lawrence Barrett and Edwin Booth for the appointment of a receiver of the profits of the joint enterprise of the two actors.

Big Wheat Transaction.

BUFFALO, Feb. 19.—A. P. Wright & Son sold to-day 600,000 bushels of No. 2 Chicago spring wheat to a syndicate of Buffalo millers. The wheat will be sent to Buffalo by rail, the prices paid being seven cents over Chicago May. This is the largest cash transaction on record.

WHAT you need is a medicine which is pure, efficient, reliable. Such is Hood's Sarsaparilla. It possesses peculiar curative powers.

PENNSYLVANIA PROHIBITIONISTS.

They Meet in State Convention to Boom the Pending Amendment.

HARRISBURG, PA., Feb. 19.—The State Prohibition Convention was called to order at the Opera House at 11 o'clock. General Harry White, of Indiana county, was chosen temporary chairman. Judge White's speech was brief and to the point. He said that this convention was assembled to advance no individual interest nor to promote the success of a mere selfish cause. The usual committees were then appointed.

The convention adopted a resolution endorsing Master Workman Powderly's stand on the prohibition question, and resolutions of regret were adopted on the death of Samuel P. Goodwin, of Philadelphia.

It was moved that the temporary chairman appoint a committee of fifteen to prepare a plan of campaign, but the opponents of the third party people defeated the motion by the close vote of 176 nays to 162 yeas. The Committee on Permanent Organization reported as follows:

President, Judge Harry White, of Indiana county; First Vice President, Hon. D. L. R. Hone, of Luzerne; Second Vice President, Mrs. E. L. Swift, of Pittsburgh; Third Vice President, Joshua L. Baily, of Philadelphia. The temporary secretaries were made permanent. There was no opposition to the report, which was unanimously adopted. A report from Rev. Osborn Congleton, chairman of the Committee on Enrollment, showed that there were 774 accredited delegates present, who represented various organizations and every county in the State. Resolutions pledging the organization to support the proposed constitutional amendment were adopted.

RAIDING THE HORSE THIEVES.

The Farmers of Holt County, Nebraska, Take the Law in Their Own Hands.

OMAHA, NEB., Feb. 19.—For some time past the farmers of Holt county, Neb., have been losing horses and cattle. Men living in the county were suspected, and a large organization, said to number 500, was formed to punish the guilty parties. A man named C. M. Clay was waited upon and taken in charge by the committee. His friends obtained a writ of *habeas corpus* from the presiding judge in a neighboring county. The sheriff refused to serve the writ, and the judge telegraphed Governor Thayer for militia. The Governor, however, refused, holding that the judge had no authority to act. Another of the supposed thieves, a man named Stewart, rode out of Springview Thursday night. Saturday morning the horse returned without a rider, and Stewart has not been seen since. Twenty men have been notified to leave Keys, Holt county, within the next twenty-four hours. It is feared that Clay and others will be lynched before the leaders of the committee can be secured.

THE CLAYTON ASSASSINATION.

The Arrest of the Guilty Parties Looked for. A Leading Man Involved.

MEMPHIS, TENN., Feb. 19.—It is rumored here that the arrest of the persons who planned and aided in the assassination of Hon. John M. Clayton, at Plummersvile, Ark., will soon be accomplished. One of the suspected parties belongs to a family whose reputation extends beyond the limits of Arkansas, being well known throughout the country, and it is due to his prominence that officials before making an arrest, are endeavoring to establish a certainty what up to the present time is only a well grounded suspicion of guilt.

TAMPERED WITH OUR MAILS.

How the German's at Samoa Opened Letters to Americans.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.—Ex-United States Consul Greenbaum to Samoa is quoted by the examiner, to-day as saying with reference to mail matter reaching Captain Leary when at the Samoan Islands." "It is nothing new to me. When I was in Samoa, I was informed by an employe of the German trading Company that they had a regular system of opening letters by steaming them over a boiler and by this process opening the seal and mucilage. It was then easy to take out the contents, copy all correspondence therein and replace them in a proper manner without being noticeable. On this account I used silk thread and ribbons as fastenings, sealing them together securely to protect my mail and notified the Government at Washington."

Excitement in Tahiti.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.—The schooner Tahiti arriving here from Tahiti brings word that the greatest excitement prevails there in consequence of news brought of trouble at Samoa. This has been heightened by the operations of the French towards Rotala, Mauheine and Baiatea, which form the Leeward islands of the Society group. The French authorities have expressed their intention of taking possession of these islands, but have been met with the most determined opposition on the part of the natives.

The French Crisis.

PARIS, Feb. 19.—In spite of continued negotiations the settlement of the Cabinet crisis appears as distant as ever. The failure of M. Meline indicates the absolute impossibility of forming a Cabinet on Ferryist or Opportunist lines. It was to demonstrate this that President Carnot insisted so strongly that M. Meline attempt the task, saying that if he could not succeed no man in his group could hope to do better.

Ex-President Grevy has been taken suddenly ill. It is feared that his constitution will break down. The members of his family are very anxious.

O'Brien Sentenced Again.

DUBLIN, Feb. 19.—When the case of Mr. William O'Brien was resumed at Tralee to-day Mr. O'Brien refused to allow Mr. Healy, his counsel, to apologize for the language the latter had used to Colonel Turner during the progress of the case yesterday. Mr. O'Brien also declined to make any further defense against the charges brought against him under the Crimes act. The magistrate thereupon sentenced Mr. O'Brien to six months' imprisonment without hard labor.

Member of Parliament Arrested.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—Mr. James Lawrence Carew, member of Parliament for North Kildare, Ireland, was arrested to-day in the eastern division of Perthshire, where an election is being held to fill the vacancy in the House of Commons caused by the death of Mr. Mencies, Liberal. He was taken into custody at the house of Mr. Kinloch, the Gladstonian contestant for the seat. Mr. Carew was arrested on a warrant issued against him in Ireland for refusing to answer a summons for violating the crimes act.

The Samaria Towed to Port.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 19.—The Cunard Line steamer Samaria, Captain Watt, hence February 7th, for Boston, before reported as having been picked up at sea with her shaft broken and towed back to Queenstown, has arrived here.

HIS EXTREME INTEREST.

The National Tariff Reform Convention Receives a

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

In Which He Shows Great Concern for the "Plain People"—Mr. Cleveland's Latest Bid for a Renomination in 1892.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—The National Convention of Tariff Reformers, called by the American Tariff Reform League, opened in this city to-day. The early morning trains brought large additions to the numerous delegations that have arrived on Sunday and Monday, and the rotunda of the Palmer House, where the headquarters of the League have been temporarily located, had the animated appearance that tells the stranger that something more than ordinary is on a tapis. It was a little after 12 o'clock when the doors of the Madison Street Theatre were thrown open to the delegates and for some time thereafter a steady stream of tariff reformers poured in until the theatre was more than comfortably filled. Prominent among those on the platform and on the front seats could be recognized President Charles D. Deering, Franklin McVeagh, Thomas G. Sherman, the well-known New York lawyer and free-trader; John Codman, the New York ship-builder; Hon. Frank Hurd, Governor Buckner, of Kentucky; Andrew Hull, Wisconsin; W. R. Rice, Boston, President J. Burrows, of the Farmers' Alliance of Nebraska, J. F. Smith and H. S. Thomas, Ohio, ex-Governor J. Sterling Morton, of Nebraska, and other prominent representatives of the cause. When at last the convention had been called to order in a few well chosen sentences by Hon. Charles W. Deering, the official call for the gathering was read. It stated that its purpose was to devise ways and means for relieving the American people of the burden of unequal and unjust taxation under which they now labored, and especially to inaugurate a systematic campaign that shall be continuous, embracing Literary Bureaus and Lecture Bureaus, supplemented by Correspondence Bureaus in every State. The call for credentials developed the fact that a very large portion of the industries of the country were represented. One feature which drew out applause was the announcement that a large delegation was present from the "Scandinavian National Tariff Reform Association," which was brought into existence a few months ago, and embraces in its membership the most prominent and learned Scandinavians of the country.

Following is a copy of President Cleveland's letter in reply to an invitation to be present at the convention. It was in the President's handwriting. At one point there is an evident omission of words necessary to the sense, and those suggested by Secretary White, of the League, as the probable ones, are inserted in brackets:

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 24, 1889.

John Z. White, Esq., Secretary, etc.:

DEAR SIR:—I have received the invitation of the Tariff Reform League to be present at the convention of tariff reformers to be held in the city of Chicago on the 19th, 20th and 21st of February, 1889. I have also read the circular of the League accompanying this invitation, which the objects and purposes of the proposed convention are specifically set forth. The scheme of practical and efficient work therein described meets with my hearty approval and promises, if honestly adhered to, the most valuable aid in the furtherance of a cause which is very near to the interests and welfare of our people. The danger which we have to guard against is the misleading of our countrymen by specious theories, cunningly contrived, and falsely offering to the people relief from present burdens and the legitimate [expense necessary to secure the] benefits of beneficient rule under the sanction of free institutions.

The declared purposes of your League will not be attained until all those interested in the economic question which is now pressed upon their attention are freed from all sophistries and clouding fallacies, and until the subject of tariff reform is presented to them as a tonic involving the relief of the plain people of the land, in their homes, from useless and unjust expenses.

The question is a simple and plain one, and needs but to be fairly presented to be understood.

It is the positive duty of your organization to guard the people against deception.

My extreme interest in the work which your league has undertaken and in the expressed objects of the proposed convention, would lead me to accept your invitation if it were possible to do so. But my public duties here positively prevent such acceptance.

Hoping that the convention will be very successful, and with an earnest wish for the prosperity and success of your league in its efforts to enlighten and benefit the people, I am yours,

Very truly,
GROVER CLEVELAND.

Great applause greeted the reading of the letter, after which routine business began.

Burritt Smith, of Chicago, was elected temporary Chairman and read an address.

Bishop Bedell Very Ill.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 19.—A private cablegram has been received from Nice announcing the prostration by paralysis of Bishop G. T. Bedell, of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Ohio. The bishop is an old man and had to relinquish the work of his office nearly a year ago on account of failing health. He has since been traveling in Europe. Three diocese conventions have been held to choose an Assistant Bishop who will eventually succeed him, but none of the divines elected would accept the position. Should the Bishop die soon the Episcopal church would be left without a head in Northern Ohio.

Might Have Been Worse.

ST. HYACINTHE, QUEBEC, Feb. 19.—A collision occurred on the Grand Trunk Railroad last night two miles from St. Hyacinthe station, between the Point Levi express train, due here at 6:50, and a local train from Montreal. L. N. Lussier, of St. Hyacinthe, was slightly injured, and also another person, name yet unknown. The two engineers and firemen jumped from their engines unhurt. The collision demolished completely the two engines and tenders and damaged the baggage car of the Montreal train.

Germany Ordering Arms.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—A Belgrade dispatch to the *Daily News* says: There is the best authority for stating that Germany has given a large order for rifles to an Austrian factory, which has contracted with the Semlin factory for 250,000 stocks for German repeaters.

Killed for His Money.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Feb. 19.—Near Hodgesville, Ky., yesterday Joseph Houston, a farmer, was murdered. He had recently come into possession of $3,000, and it is supposed he was killed for this. A band of citizens is reported to be in pursuit of the murderers.

IGNORANT OR WORSE.

The Register's Strange Way of Venting Its Spleen on an Honored Minister.

To the Editor of the Intelligencer.

SIR:—It was to be hoped that the *Register* had ample opportunity and time during the late political campaign to entirely empty its bile duct; but we see by Monday's issue of that paper that it still has some on hand and vents its spleen, this time, on a former citizen of Wheeling, of whom every one may well be proud.

The inaccuracy and falsity of the article is thoroughly characteristic of its grape-vine "specials" generally, and its usual profound ignorance is displayed in not even publishing correctly the name of the man of whom they are pretending to give a personal sketch.

Rev. David Greer needs no defense or eulogium in these columns; but it is only fair to state to those who have come to Wheeling since his departure, and who are perhaps not acquainted with his family, that Mr. Greer's grandfather and uncle were former honored Rectors of St. Matthews church and his churchmanship comes by heredity. The humble home referred to was as good as any in Wheeling then or now, and was famous for its open hospitality. If his boyhoods suit was home-made you may rely upon its having been well made. Naturally talented, his father's ample means gave him every advantage that the best educational opportunities could afford. His rise has been gradual—beginning at the little church at Clarksburg and from thence steadily, through the force of his own ability and energy, to his present proud position.

Ignorance may be some apology for the many misstatements of the article, but the miserably mean animus of it is clearly shown in its attempt to give spice to its information by the untruthful gossipy statement of his "lolling on week days in the luxurious boudoirs of beautiful women." Then, after this falsehood, it stoops to criticise his personal appearance—the last resort of a weak mind and a low disposition.

The best people of Clarksburg, Covington and the city of Providence bear witness, by their devotion to him, of his splendid work and character as a rector and a gentleman.

What can be the object of the *Register*, or any other paper, in publishing an article which they know to be so utterly untrue and defamatory. JUSTICE.

Wheeling, Feb. 19.

A MATHEMATICAL WONDER.

A Boy Located at Martin's Ferry who is a Prodigy.

Willard U. Scott, is the name of a young boy about 17 years of age, who holds the responsible position of assistant resident engineer on the Wheeling & Lake Erie railroad, which is building into this city. Scott is a New York boy and a mathematical wonder. The young man's gift was discovered several years ago, and the New York city dailies made quite a notice of it. He cannot explain his power to any person, but is able to solve the most intricate problems without using a pencil or doing any calculating. In an interview with a reporter he said: "I have no volition in the matter, and it seemed to be an instinct that tells me the answer as soon as a question is given me. All the laws and rules of nature are sometimes set at naught, and I am afraid to trust my gift in doing my engineering work, so do it by the regular rules, but have never yet got a different answer from the one that my instinct gave me."

He has had a dozen offers to travel with shows and become a dime museum freak, but has always declined, preferring to follow an honest and useful occupation first, and if his talent remains with him, amuse the world later on. He is a pleasant, good-natured boy and has many qualities aside from his genius. He says that he is sometimes annoyed by people who have more curiosity than judgment. He has only a common school education, but is brighter than the average boy of his age. His superiors predict a bright future for him and say that his work so far has been satisfactory, and he has performed work that is difficult for an engineer of several years' experience to perform. His father is a journeyman painter in New York City, and none of the family have ever displayed any uncommon ability in the direction of mathematics, nor have any of them ever engaged in any pursuit the trend of which would be toward such an unnatural development.

THE W. & H. INJUNCTION.

Judge Cochran Does Not Know What the Company Will Do.

Judge R. H. Cochran, President of the Wheeling & Harrisburg Railway Company, returned to the city last evening from a visit to his home at Toledo. When asked by an INTELLIGENCER reporter last evening what the company would do in view of the injunction against their operations on Twentieth street, he said he had not yet seen the company's counsel, and could not say. The injunction is a serious obstacle to the progress of the road, and not only injuriously affects the company, but is detrimental to the public until some other route can be secured or some other way devised to obviate the difficulty. If the road stops in the clay bank there, it will not be of much benefit to the manufacturing community.

"Jim, the Penman."

A. M. Palmer's name, used in connection with a dramatic performance, carries with it a certain guaranty of artistic fullness and of substantial merit that makes it easy to predict success for any of his enterprises. It is rarely safe to anticipate in matters theatrical, but when a manager has demonstrated his entire honesty by never departing from the high standard he has set for himself, and upon which he wishes to base his claims for public recognition and indorsement, when year after year by correcting mistakes honestly made, he has maintained the superior quality of that which he has to offer. In speaking of "Jim, the Penman," moreover, to descend from the general to the particular, the element of doubt cuts no figure. Its success is known, its merit incontestable. It has won the approval of cultured audiences in the various large cities of the country, when presented by the people who will be in the cast at the Opera House here Friday and Saturday, and there is scarcely any reason to doubt that their verdict will be ratified.

Being More Pleasant

To the taste, more acceptable to the stomach, and more truly beneficial in its action, the famous California liquid fruit remedy, Syrup of Figs, is rapidly superseding all others. Try it. One bottle will prove its merits. For sale in 50 cts. and $1 bottles by Logan & Co., Anton P. Hess, R. B. Burt and C. Menkemeller.

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