

OFFICIAL COUNT

Of the Vote Cast by the Electoral College For President.

A DISTINGUISHED AUDIENCE

Present in the House of Representatives While the Ballots Were Being Opened.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The electoral votes of the forty-five states of the Union were formally counted at the joint session of the house and senate held today for that purpose and Vice President Stevenson proclaimed the election of McKinley and Hobart.

A cord of blue coated, brass buttoned police hedged about the senators as they marched majestically to the house.

Senator Jones, of Arkansas, and Senator Butler, of North Carolina, who managed the Democratic and Populist campaign, were present but did not appear to take a deep interest in the count.

The returns were opened by the vice president and announced by the tellers.

Shortly before 1 o'clock the members of the senate left their chamber at the north side of the capitol and walked across to the house, passing through the vestry and into the hall of representatives.

Their approach was heralded by the entrance of Col. Richard J. Bright, the sergeant-at-arms of the senate, who announced: "The senate of the United States."

Vice President Stevenson assumed the gavel and announced the purpose of the joint session. He then unlocked the cherry box and broke the seal of the returns of each state as it was reached.

The tellers made the announcement in rotation. It fell to the lot of Mr. Blackburn to announce first the eleven votes of Alabama, Bryan and Sewall.

At 1:40 p. m., the vice president stated that the count had closed and directed the tellers to announce the result.

Whole number of electors, 447, of which a majority is 234. William McKinley, of Ohio, has received 271 votes for President of the

United States, and William J. Bryan, of Nebraska, has received 176 votes. The state of vote as to vice president, is: Garrett A. Hobart has received 271 electoral votes, Arthur Sewall 146 votes, and Thomas E. Watson 27 votes.

POSTMASTER GENERAL WILSON

Gives a Dinner to Members of the Cabinet, West Virginia Pensioners.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Postmaster General and Mrs. Wilson entertained the members of the cabinet last evening at their home in this city in honor of President and Mrs. Cleveland.

Senator Caffery, of Louisiana, to-day introduced a bill to appropriate \$250,000 for the work of closing the crevasse in the south pass of the Mississippi river, the improvement concerning which the rivers and harbors committee made its recent trip to New Orleans.

A marriage license was issued to-day to Joseph S. Smith, of McMechen, W. Va., and Francis I. Galecki, of this city.

The unfair advantage. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 10.—As an illustration of the unfair and conscienceless methods that a certain element among British millers are using in the effort to stop the growing importation of American flour, United States Consul Toney at Belfast has forwarded to the department of state extracts from Irish trade papers, making the broad charge that all of the American flour is adulterated.

Of interest to spinners. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 10.—As a matter of interest to a numerous class of American manufacturers, cotton yarn spinners, etc., United States Consul Grinnell at Manchester supplies the state department with statistics of the kind and quantity of cotton yarns shipped to the United States from the Manchester district during the year 1896.

Wool conference. WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Representatives of the National Association of Woolen Manufacturers and the Manufacturers Club of Philadelphia, to-day had a conference with the wool growers committee, appointed by the national association yesterday.

Postoffice appropriation bill. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 10.—The postoffice appropriation bill for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1897, was completed to-day, by the house committee on postoffices and post roads.

A market waiting. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 10.—There is a market waiting American oak lumber in France, according to United States Commercial Agent Angell, at Roubaix. He says in a report to the state department that one firm alone stands ready to take \$40,000 worth annually in place of Hungarian oak.

A good bill passed. WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The house has passed the senate bill relating to the carrying of obscene matter by express companies, and it has gone to the President for the signature.

Will Not Tour the World. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 10.—It is flatly denied at the white house that President Cleveland, in company with Mr. Thurber, is about to start on a tour of the world, after his retirement from office next month.

Recent Company's Profits. CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—The annual meeting of the stockholders and directors of the New York Biscuit Co., was held to-day. President Evans in his annual report stated that the actual net earnings of the company for the year 1896, after deducting all fixed charges, amounted to \$553,052.

THE NEW COUNTY

Gets a Big Black Eye in the House of Delegates.

ENACTING CLAUSE STRUCK OUT

By a Vote of 38 to 25.—The Same Bill is Made the Special Order in the Senate for Tomorrow Afternoon.—Defeat of the Military Bill Discouraging to Militiamen.—Criminal Charge Fund Investigation.—The Deficiency will be Large.—Other Legislative Matters.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 10.—Senator Fast, of Monongalia, offered to-day to make Saturday afternoon a legal holiday. The measure follows the Ohio Saturday half-holiday law.

The fight over the new county project came on in earnest in the house to-day. Each side had done its level best to hammer the life out of the other. Both were drawn up in battle array, members in their seats, visiting partisans beyond the trocha.

The senate bill on the same subject was the special order for this afternoon, but the action of the house impressed the friends of the measure in the senate, and Senator Hope, of West Virginia, had the bill made a special order for next Friday afternoon.

The defeat of the military bill in the house to-day was a grievous disappointment to all interested in the National guard. Friends of the measure are confident that it was not well understood. Their present intention is to move for a re-consideration to-morrow.

Mr. C. W. Brockmeyer, of Wheeling, arrived to-night, to present to the finance committee the proposition to separate the schools for the deaf, dumb and blind. Mr. Brockmeyer is well recommended here as the efficient chairman of the finance committee four years ago.

Chairman Glover of the house finance committee, is getting responses to letters sent to every county in the hope of ascertaining how many claims on the criminal charge fund are outstanding and the amount of them. All but twenty-two counties have responded, and it appears that at least \$130,000 in claims is yet to come in for removing prisoners to the penitentiary, and for other things not included in the reports from clerks of the circuit courts.

The state executive committee of the sound money Democracy, is called to meet here on the 22nd inst. Members of the party who do not belong to the committee, are invited also, and it is expected that there will be a large attendance, much interest in the meeting having been manifested in correspondence with the leaders.

Senator Marshall's bill to appropriate \$50,000 to the relief of Bethany college, passed to-night second reading in the senate to-day. Senator Marshall is deeply interested in the measure and is pushing it with vigor.

Judge John A. Campbell, of Hancock county, is here.

President Whitaker, who is laid up with the grip, is much improved, although he will not be out for several days.

AERIAL NAVIGATION.

Two Men in San Francisco Believe They Have Solved the Problem. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 10.—Leonard E. Clawson and Adam Beck, two well known business men, believe they have solved the problem of aerial navigation.

The machine now in process of construction consists essentially of four rods, each twenty feet long, parallel to each other, working on tall bearings in a well braced frame work, supporting the motive power and steering apparatus below. On each of these rods is a series of double wings constructed of a steel wire frame work over which silk is stretched. These are so arranged in relation to each other that when one wing is rising open the other is descending closed and also maintains the balance of the machine, thus half of the wings are at every instant pressing downward, but not pressing upward, should the motive power fall for any reason, the entire wing surface instantly forms a parachute.

in its mechanical construction strictly up to date. The inventors believe that in quantities such machines could be built for \$100 a piece.

TWO WEST VIRGINIANS

Call on the President-Elect, Besides Many Others.

CANTON, Ohio, Feb. 10.—The number of callers continues to increase as the time for Major McKinley's departure to Washington draws near. Scores of strangers arrive on the trains coming into the city and there is a constant trend of people between the stations, hotels and the home of the President-elect.

Other visitors of the morning were George R. Davis, of Wapokeneta, Ohio, delegate to the St. Louis convention; Charles B. Smith and J. W. Vandervort, of Parkersburg, W. Va.

Besides the announcement by the gentlemen who have been tendered cabinet portfolios, Senator Sherman for secretary of state; Mr. Gage for secretary of the treasury; General Alger for secretary of war; Mr. Wilson for secretary of agriculture and Judge McKenna for some cabinet position, it is not expected that any authoritative statements will be made soon, if indeed before President McKinley formally addresses the senate of the United States, naming his cabinet in full.

This afternoon a quartette of callers went to the McKinley home in the interest of two men who want to be given consuls. The four candidates were Philetus Smith, of Chicago; Charles S. Bentley, Cleveland; C. H. Booth, A. M. Bryan and C. H. Masters.

The first named is an aspirant for consul at Liverpool. Mr. Masters also presented the endorsement of W. W. Trouville, of Toledo, as an aspirant for consul at Belfast.

Hanna's Visitors.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 10.—There was a constant stream of callers at Chairman Hanna's office throughout the morning and during the early portion of the afternoon to-day. Among the earlier arrivals was Colonel A. T. Wimberly, of New Orleans, who is a very prominent Republican in Louisiana. Colonel Wimberly admitted that his mission here was of political significance. He will go to Canton this evening to call upon the President-elect, thence returning via Washington, to his home in New Orleans. Mr. Hanna stated to-day that the statement that he intended going to Canton this week was erroneous. He will go to Zanesville on Friday to attend the Republican League banquet Friday night, when Senators Foraker and Thurston and other prominent Republicans are on the programme to make speeches. While Mr. Hanna is not down for a speech, he will undoubtedly be called upon informally, as a toast will be drunk, standing "to the national chairman."

Called to Canton.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 10.—P. C. Knox, the well-known Pittsburgh attorney, was called to Canton by Major McKinley yesterday. Cabinet negotiations took a fresh spur on his arrival, as it is well known he has been suggested for the position of attorney-general.

UNSATISFACTORY YEAR

For the Steel Business, But Illinois Company Makes Good Rates.

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—Notwithstanding the alleged dissolution of the steel combination, President Gates, of the Illinois Steel Company, claims to have just closed contracts for about \$4,000,000 worth of rails at about \$21.50. Mr. Gates says he is unable as yet to define his position in regard to the Carnegie-Rockefeller combination.

The South Chicago mills of the company are now running full force for the first time in months and it is said the company now has orders on hand sufficient to keep its mills running for over six months to come. All Illinois steel mills will resume full force next week.

President Gates in his annual report, said the year had been a very unsatisfactory one. In April last there were orders on the books for over 500,000 tons product and two-thirds of the ores required for the year's business. But the action of the July Chicago convention following on the Venezuelan message, resulted in almost complete paralysis of business and four of the five plants of the company were shut down during August and September.

TOOK ANOTHER TUMBLE.

Steel Mill Quotations at Pittsburgh are Now \$17 Per Ton. PITTSBURGH, Feb. 10.—The price of steel rails in Pittsburgh took another tumble to-day and is now quoted at \$17, the lowest price in the history of the steel rail market.

The collapse of the rail pool has also produced the heaviest buying on record. All of to-day the Carnegie Steel Company, was kept busy answering telegrams, quaking prices and booking orders, until to-night the largest number of orders ever booked in one day had been noted and accepted by the firm. The orders received by this firm to-day are alone sufficient to operate the Edgar Thomson plant for a twelve-month.

THE TINSEL COURT.

The Great Bradley-Martin Extravaganza of Dress.

THE PUPPETS OF OLD ROYALTY

Strut Their Brief Time on the Stage; to Their Mutual Admiration—A Scene of Display Seldom, if Ever Equalled in this Country—Characters of the Most Corrupt Courts of France Reproduced by "Society" People of New York—It Was Well Enough Done for Amateurs. "George, the Prince of Wales Have Come!"

NEW YORK, February 10.—Beautiful beyond description was the ball masque of Mrs. Bradley-Martin to-night. Columns have been written about the affair and pictures have been drawn, but the fancy of the reporter and the artist did not picture scenes one-half as lovely as was presented in the Waldorf.

For weeks Mrs. Martin has worked in the preparation of the sumptuous affair. Her efforts were richly rewarded. The bitter criticisms hurled at her were forgotten and the hundreds who were present vied in making her the happiest woman in America.

The decorations throughout the Waldorf were exquisite. American beauties, lilies and the rarest of imported blossoms, with vines and palms were intertwined in a marvellously beautiful scene. Never in New York has a greater floral display been made at a ball. Tiny electric lights and mirrors were used in a bewildering and artistic manner, all combining to transform the already beautiful hotel into an enchanting fairy house.

The arrangements for the ball were tested to their fullest, but with excellent good fortune they were equal to every emergency. Thousands of men and women crowded the streets around the hotel, but the police kept them moving and no conflicts or excitement of any kind resulted. Detectives swarmed in and around the house to prevent trouble but their presence was not needed.

Arrangements for receiving the guests as they arrived were also perfect as could be seen. The guests alighted from the carriages at No. 13 West Thirty-third street, which is the private residence of Manager Hold, of the hotel, and went quickly to the second floor of the hotel, where sixty apartments had been set aside as dressing rooms.

The guests were received by Mrs. Martin in the small ball room. The scene of decorations in this room was of the time of Louis XV, and before the dais in the center of the room were presented of all the prominent people of that time, to mingle in picturesque confusion with characters of other days.

In the early portion of the evening dancing in the main ball room on the first floor was general, but it was not until all the guests had paid their respects to Mrs. Bradley-Martin and she had been escorted to the ball room proper that the fancy dress ball was declared formally opened.

The formation of the first figure, "the salute," was like the turning of pages of history. The characters gathered from all sections of the room. There was Mrs. Bradley-Martin, wearing a Marie Stuart costume, copied from an old plate of that queen's time; Mrs. John Jacob Astor in a Louis XVI costume; Mr. J. Townsend Martin as a cavalier of the Court of Louis XIII; and Mrs. Henry Barr in Louis XV court costume.

From another section of the room came Mrs. Orme Wilson, looking pictureque in a Louis XVI court dress of white and silver brocade, which followed the elaborate designs of the period, and Mrs. Whitney Warren, wearing a costume of red blue brocade and silk, after the style of the time of Louis XV. Mr. Lispenard Steward closely followed his partner, Mrs. Whitney Warren, dressed as a cavalier of the court of Louis XIII. The others of the sixteen who took their places in this quadrille were Mrs. Leo Teller, Mr. Craig Wadsworth, Miss Gerry, Mr. Conter Hitchcock, Miss Lena Morton, Mr. B. B. Van Alen, Miss Madeline Cutler and Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish.

These partners waited for the opening bars of the music the scene was the most beautiful of the night. Far beyond these characters of action about them on either side were the rich lazes, the glittering gems and all that went to make up the historical representation of the ball, the natural flowers, the lights and the ferns.

When two hundred years ago, when the Quadrille d'Honneur was danced at court, where the king and the queen took part in it, they were accorded due and proper honor, so to-night Mrs. Bradley-Martin and Mr. Astor were given that honor as king and queen of the night. In those old days, too, the crown prince and princess stood beside the king and queen at the head of the quadrille, so in this set these places were given to Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish and Mr. Robert Van Cortlandt.

After the first measures followed "The Figure" and "The Honor," both of which were elaborate.

The second quadrille, which had been organized by Mrs. F. L. Baylies, was danced by Mrs. Ogden Mills, Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., Mrs. Henry Sloane, Miss Edith Morton, Miss Van Rensselaer, Mrs. Alfonso de Navarro, H. D. Robbins and Worthington Whitehouse.

The costumes of the 800 or more guests were exquisite in the extreme and made a picture of rare beauty.

SITUATION IN CRETE.

Further Massacres Reported—The Revolution Said to be Spreading.

CANEA, Feb. 10.—It is officially stated that twenty-three Mussulman women and children, have been massacred at Hissano and Kastili, westward of Canea. The Greek warships left here yesterday and have gone to Retimo. No news has been received here of further fighting on the island.

The town is now quiet and the refugees who were on board the warships have returned to the coast. The behavior of the Turkish officials is irreproachable. On the other hand the attitude of the Greek warships, who are suspected of acting in concert with the insurgents, causes disgust.

A strange feature about the Cretan situation is that the dividing line between the combatants is creed only and not race. Substantially the whole population is Greek by race, but while the Christians are, in most cases, fighting under the flag of Greece.

CUBAN BONDS

Secretly Issued and Disposed Of—Prices Asked are Sentimental.

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—The Journal states that Cuban bonds to the extent of over \$15,000,000 have been secretly issued and disposed of in the United States and elsewhere during the past twelve months.

The greatest precaution has been exercised by the junta in the handling of these securities, for the reason that until very recently it has been a question whether the issuing of bonds by the republic of Cuba was a violation of international law.

The conclusion having, however, been arrived at that the course which has been pursued is lawful, the fact of the bond issue is now made public and the securities will be placed on open sale in all the principal cities of the United States and Europe. These bonds are payable in ten years after the evacuation of the island by the Spanish forces. The price has been mostly a sentimental one. Some of the bonds have sold as high as 61. The asking price is 50.

Besides the bonds, a large number of concessions have been sold. All these concessions, as well as the bonds, depend for their value upon the independence of Cuba.

GREAT IS ENGLAND!

Her Forces Heavily Capture the Palace of the Emir of Nupe.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Sir George Goldie, commanding the Royal Niger company's expedition against the Emir of Nupe, cables from the palace of the Emir, at Bida, on January 29, saying that the palace has been captured and that all the members of the expedition are well. Dispatches of yesterday stated that Bida was to be bombarded on January 27. A private telegram to-day adds that one British officer, Lieut. Thomson, of Leicestershire regiment, was killed.

The capture of Bida probably completes the destruction of the Fulah power, and will most likely add to the territory of Great Britain in Africa. The dispute between the Emir of Nupe and the Niger company is one of long standing, and among other things grew out of the Emir's refusal to pay tribute to the wholesale after raiding territory under the protection of the company in order to obtain victims. Sir George Goldie, founder and deputy governor of the Royal Niger company, has repeatedly warned the Emir during the past years, and in 1892, accompanied by Lord Scarborough, he visited Bida and warned the Fulah ruler that if the massacres of slaves were not stopped the Emir and his followers would have to reckon with the Niger company. For some time later the practice complained of ceased, but last year it was renewed, the Emir raided territory under the protection of the company, and eventually it was decided to send a punitive expedition to Bida.

The Emir of Nupe is the most powerful vassal of the great Mohammedan empire of Sokoto.

A Special Dispensation.

DETROIT, MICH., Feb. 10.—A special dispensation has been granted by Pope Leo in order that Baron Von Ketteler, German Ambassador to Mexico, may be married to Miss Ledyard, the daughter of Henry B. Ledyard, president of the Michigan Central railroad, in Peter and Paul's Roman Catholic in this city. February 24. Miss Ledyard is a Protestant and Baron Von Ketteler a devout Catholic. The Rev. Father Baumgartner, secretary of Bishop Foley, said: "It is a very rare happening in the Catholic church for a Protestant to be united to a Catholic in a church wedding, and I do not think it ever took place in this diocese before. A Catholic may be married to a non-Catholic in any place but the church, but to be married there by the sanction of the Pope is absolutely necessary."

Divorced by Death.

GALESBURG, ILLS., Feb. 10.—Mearge particulars of a domestic tragedy at London Mills, 18 miles south of here to-day, are that Leroy Thurman, in a moment of anger over his wife applying for a divorce shot her, and then himself. Mrs. Thurman may recover, but Thurman will die.

Steamship Movements.

LONDON—Manitoba. NEW YORK—Westland. Antwerp. NEW YORK—Palatia. Hamburg.

Weather Forecast for To-day.

For West Virginia, increasing cloudiness and probably showers; westerly winds. For Eastern Pennsylvania and Ohio, increasing cloudiness and probably light rain or snow; northeasterly winds. Local Temperature. The thermometer yesterday as observed by the Schenley observatory, corner Market and Fourth streets, was as follows: 7 a. m. 24 7 p. m. 40 9 a. m. 26 11 p. m. 32 12 m. 27 Weather—Cloudy.