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WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCT. 17, 1894.

A WASHINGTON newspaper, the *Star*, says "it is well enough to rid this country of the Chinese, but absurd to talk about deporting the negroes." And yet the Chinese are industrious and thrifty, increase only by immigration, and don't even ask to vote; indeed all they do ask for, is the poor privilege of being allowed to work at such employment as the natives of the country, as a general thing, do not engage in; while the negroes, whose natural characteristics are laziness and thriftlessness, and whose fecundity is enormous, not only take an active part in politics, but, should the Force bill become a law, will take entire control of whole counties, districts and States of the South in short order, and who are already forcing white men out of the coal and iron industries all over the country. Many wise people, who have devoted much time to the consideration of the subject, are of the opinion that Africa, the natural home of the negro, is the country that affords his race the best opportunity for rising and progressing.

"CLEVELAND is independent enough to oppose Dave Hill. This is the big door that will let many a man out of the party corrall. If it is no treason for Cleveland to oppose Hill, it will be no treason for a Norfolk district democrat to oppose Tyler and vote the prohibition ticket." So says the Norfolk *Pilot*, and nothing truer was ever written. The President's unprecedented delay in removing the prevalent impression that he opposes the democratic ticket in New York, if that impression be incorrect, has given many a dissatisfied democrat, in every congressional district of the country, an excuse for deserting his party, in this its hour of extremity, and so committing himself that it is now too late to withdraw from his new political alliance. The refusal of Mr. Cleveland to say he will vote the democratic ticket in his State (the time has gone by for him to give it any effective support) that is if he intends to do so, may have sense in it, but, if so, it is not apparent.

THE DEMOCRATIC Congress at its coming short session should supplement its repeal of the McKinley bill by repealing the subsidy act by which the rich steamship companies of the North grow rich at the expense of all the other people of the country. Under the act referred to any fast steamer running regularly from New York to Southampton can draw $240,000 a year from the public treasury for carrying a few mail bags. There is neither sense nor reason in such gross partiality under a government founded upon the principle of equal opportunities to all and special favors to none.

BY A STRICT construction of the new election law, the constables in the election booths shall read the names and offices on the ballots to the voters unable read, and point out to them the names they may wish to strike out, but unless they be blind, the constables can not prepare ballots for them. Such is the law, but how the judges may construe it, no man knoweth. The more the new election law is studied, the more apparent becomes the wisdom of the late Senator Barbour, who saw no reason for changing a law under which the democratic majority in the State was forty thousand.

REV. DR. PARKHURST, of New York, who has transformed his pulpit into a political stump, says "if the angel Gabriel were at the head of the regular democratic ticket in that city, he couldn't be elected," and the New York *Herald* follows suit, and says if "George Washington came to life, it could not support him if he were Tammany's standard bearer." And yet, after all, Mr. Straus may be elected, and still put neither the angel Gabriel or George Washington to shame. That all good and true democrats hope he may be, goes without saying.

THE Star of Saturday quoted from the Alexandria GAZETTE a statement that Alexandria bakers who can make bread at 3 cents a pound would find a larger field open to them in Washington.—*Washington Star.*

Oh, no! Get it right! The GAZETTE said if Washingtonians desire cheap, good bread, they should move to Alexandria. It never conceived the idea that an Alexandria baker, or any body else from Alexandria, would move to Washington. And then, too, above all other people, bakers best know upon which side their bread is buttered.

The rolling mill, furnace, and other manufacturing property, situated at Reusens, about three miles from Lynchburg, was sold yesterday at public auction. The sale was made under a decree in the case of the Fidelity Insurance Trust and Safe Deposit Company against the Virginia Nail and Iron Works Company. Mr. David Lamar became the purchaser of the property, at $35,000. He represented his own interests, and those of certain of the first mortgage bondholders. Mr. Lamar says that manufacturing enterprises to employ between 350 and 400 skilled mechanics will be started on the property in a short while.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17, 1894.

Up to 11 a. m. no advices had been received here to confirm the reported arrest of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad train robbers at Cherry Run, W. Va. Superintendent Moss, of the Adams Express Company, said that his company had men in the field, but had received no advices of any arrests. Cherry Run, where the capture is stated to have been made, is a telegraph and railroad station, and Mr. Moss feels confident that if an important arrest had been made there, he would have been advised of it long before this. Police headquarters are also in the dark, and have heard nothing except the reports published in the newspapers. At one o'clock this afternoon the officials of the Adams Express Company, in this city, said that they had received nothing whatever concerning the reported capture of the Aquia Creek train robbers at Cherry Run. It was also stated that nothing beyond newspaper reports had been received about the arrest of the suspicious character at Cumberland, and the officials repeated what they said this morning, that if any arrests had been made at Cherry Run in connection with the train robbery, information would have reached the Express Company officials before this time.

In reply to an inquiry concerning a statement to the effect that a U. S. district attorney had been instructed by the Department of Justice to cancel his engagements to speak, Attorney General Olney said to-day, it is contrary to the rules of his department that district attorneys should partake actively in campaign work.

Mr. Smythe of Virginia, U. S. minister to Hayti, called at the State Department to-day and applied for an extension of his furlough, in order to have time to attend to some important private business.

Mr. W. E. Curtis, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, returned this morning, having spent two weeks in Connecticut. He stopped off in New York for a day. The republicans there, he said, appeared confident and the democrats hopeful. During the past week, from what he cold learn, the situation from a democratic standpoint had improved, and if the improvement continues there is good reason to believe that the democratic State ticket would be successful. He had heard the vote that Wheeler, the anti snappers' candidate, would receive, variously estimated from 5,000, to 25,000. It was a very uncertain element and all estimates were necessarily largely speculative.

Attorney General Olney this morning, after consultation with Secretary Carlisle, telegraphed United States District Attorney McFarlane at New York to represent the Secretary of the Treasury in the habeas corpus proceedings in the case of Howard, undercoachman of ex-Vice President Morton. In case the court decides it has jurisdiction, Mr. McFarlane is instructed to prosecute the case with vigor.

The report current here this morning about the arrest of some of the Aquia creek train robbers is not credited, and is said by those who ought to know, to be a fake of purest ray serene.

Messrs McKee and Thompson, secretary and treasurer of the republican Congressional campaign committee left here this evening for Fredericksburg, Virginia, where they will address a republican meeting to-night.

Senator Faulkner, chairman of the democratic congressional campaign committee, has returned from New York, and was at democratic headquarters to-day. He says the prospect of Senator Hill's election as governor of New York is said by the best informed democrats of that State to be better than it was three weeks before his last election as Governor, when he swept the State. He says the democrats there are practically united on the State ticket, and that the farmers in the upper part of the State have pulled off their coats and are working for Hill, and that, too, without money. The intelligence from Virginia received at headquarters is all favorable except from the second and ninth districts, in which it is reported the democratic apathy has not worn off, and where it is said the vote will be close. Mr. Faulkner says the re-election of Congressman Wilson in West Virginia is assured. Being asked if the President will support the democratic ticket in New York, Mr. Faulkner said the prevalent opinion is that he will.

A New York race horse man, here to-day, says many of the horses from his State have already reached the Alexandria race track and that more will be there at the opening to-morrow. He also says the indications are that the meeting will be the most successful ever held in the vicinity of the national capital. Big fields of evenly matched horses, with abundant opportunity to wager money are the prospects, and with these in view the attendance should be large.

Judge Hughes, of the U. S. court for the eastern district of Virginia, was here yesterday evening. The Judge is seventy-three years old, but is still as erect and active as a healthy man of forty. He is several years beyond the age at which he can retire on full pay, but at present has no intention of doing so.

A gentleman from the northern part of Loudoun county, Va., here to-day, says there may be some democratic defection in and about Leesburg, but there is none in his section of the county, and that while Mr. Meredith's majority in the county may not be as large as the usual democratic majority there, it will be sufficient.

THE TRAIN ROBBERY.—The men who held up the R., F. & P. train near Aquia creek last Friday night and robbed the express car, have, it is believed by many, so far eluded capture. A number of arrests of "suspects" have been made, but without definite result. Two suspicious looking men, believed by some to be part of the gang engaged in the robbery of the train, passed through Front Royal yesterday. They changed their clothes there, buying new suits and discarding their old ones. The men had plenty of money, most of which was in twenty-dollar gold pieces. The visitors came into the town from the mountains. They suddenly disappeared before the sheriff could take them in charge. A desperate fight took place near Cherry Run, W. Va., yesterday afternoon between some detectives and several men who are supposed to be the men who held up the train. One of the men was captured there and this morning another suspect was captured at Cumberland.

This morning, Mrs. Guckert, 35 years of age, hanged herself at her residence in Allegheny, Pa. The cause of the suicide is not yet known.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Mr. Simon Lake, of Baltimore, has invented a boat which he claims can travel under the sea or on the bottom of it.

Advices received at Buenos Ayres from the Uruguayan frontier say that an army of 3,000 Brazilian revolters has defeated the government troops in Rio Grande Do Sul.

The New Albany, Ky., postoffice was robbed yesterday. While Postmaster Schindler was at dinner a thief slipped into his private office and took $4,000 in stamps and $500 in cash from the safe.

The people of Delaware turned out in force yesterday to welcome home Ambassador Bayard. The formal speech of welcome was made by Senator Gray, and Mr. Bayard responded in an eloquent address.

Levi P. Morton's coachman, John James Howard, who has been detained at Ellis Island as a contract laborer, and whose return to England was ordered by Secretary Carlisle, sued out a petition for a writ of habeas corpus yesterday.

An official bulletin issued by the Czar's physicians yesterday stated that the disease of the kidneys showed no improvement, and that his strength had diminished. Extraordinary precautions are being taken to insure the safety and quietness of the Czar while at Corfu.

A dispatch from Berlin says that a Copenhagen paper publishes under reserve a statement that the Czar intends to change the succession and appoint his third son, Grand Duke Michael, heir to the throne, owing to the Czarwitch's political views and to the fact that the illness of his second son, Grand Duke George, precludes his succession.

The Japanese and Chinese armies are facing each other on the banks of the Yalu river. Both sides are perfecting their preparations for battle. Field Marshal Count Yamagata, commander of the Japanese forces, is awaiting the arrival of supplies and heavy artillery. Spies report that the Chinese army is 25,000 strong. It is reported that Port Arthur, the Chinese stronghold, where the fleet of China has been refitting after the battle fought off the mouth of the Yalu river, has been captured by the Japanese.

NEW YORK POLITICS.

Senator Faulkner has issued an appeal to the New York democrats to harmonize their differences on congressional candidates. He refers to the recent democratic depression and the causes and to the improved outlook. But he says the democratic estimates of a majority in the next House are based on maintaining the present number of democratic members in New York. In eight of the city districts two democratic candidates have been nominated in each. The Senator calls attention to the fact that the loss of two districts will give the vote of New York to the republican candidate should the election of President go into the House.

Senator Hill made a speech at Little Falls yesterday evening and at Utica last night. The meetings were large and very enthusiastic.

PERISHED IN THE FLAMES.—The worst fire in the history of Houston, Tex., broke out at 2:40 yesterday morning, and before it was gotten under control, at 4:30 o'clock, not only had a large amount of property been destroyed, but two sisters of St. Joseph were burned to death; two infirmary patients also perished, and a third sister was dangerously injured. The fire originated in the San Jacinto Hotel, or rather boarding-house, Franklin and San Jacinto streets, from which the blaze spread rapidly to adjoining small buildings of St. Joseph's Infirmary, on Franklin street, destroying also a large two-story frame annex, and then the new four-story brick main building. The destruction of these buildings was accompanied by loss of life. Sisters Doleral and Jane were burned beyond all possibility of recognition, while Sister Clothilde was fearfully burned about the face, neck, breast and arms, her recovery being in doubt. Two patients are also missing, but there is not the slightest doubt that these also perished. On San Jacinto street the fire spread to a one story cottage, and next destroyed Alexander's three story boarding-house, managed by Mrs. J. J. Hussey; the three story brick building of W. N. Shaw, occupied by the S. M. Rushmore Grocery Company and J. W. Hancock, stationer; A. Chain's three-story furniture house, and W. L. Foley's large dry goods house, the largest in the city. Loss $500,000.

LOVERS' QUARREL ENDS IN DEATH. W. E. Stauffer, aged 33, of Ashland, O., shot himself through the breast yesterday afternoon in his room at Dooner's Hotel, Philadelphia. The wound will probably prove fatal. Stauffer left several letters, which show that he was employed in the offices of the Pullman Palace Car Company in Jersey City up to Monday, when he resigned. Yesterday he started for his home with his sweetheart, who also lives in Ashland, Ohio, and whose name is supposed to be Miss Star. They quarreled, it appears, on the train, and Stauffer left the train at Philadelphia, the lady going West alone. Stauffer went to Dooner's Hotel, engaged a room, and seven minutes after entering it, shot himself. Stauffer yesterday evening asked for a clergyman to attend him, and to the minister he said that the quarrel with his sweetheart was his fault, and that she was not to blame. He expressed regret for his hasty action in shooting himself, and requested that his mother be told that he died a christian. Stauffer confirmed the supposition that Miss Star was his fiancee.

A SUBMARINE BOAT.—Mr. Simon Lake, of Baltimore, has invented a submarine boat which, he claims, is capable of accomplishing what Verne suggested might be possible. The inventor says the boat is capable of being submerged to any desired depth and again raised to the surface at the will of the operator. It is capable of being propelled when on the suface, or when submerged, or when on the bottom of the water. Many of the operations in raising vessels and removing cargoes can be performed from it without going outside of it. He says it will also be an effective torpedo boat. The crew, he also says, live in it as comfortably for days at a time as when on shore, and operations on wrecks can be carried on by night as well as by day and as easily in storm as in calm. The inventor expects to start building his first boat in a few weeks.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Congressman George D. Wise has returned to Richmond from a visit to California.

Mr. James H. Edwards, of near Morrisville, Culpeper county, died last week. He leaves a widow and several children.

Rev. Dr. A. C. Barron, of the Fulton Avenue Baptist Church, Baltimore, is conducting a series of meetings at Rectortown.

The Culpeper farmers have finished cutting corn and are now busy with their fall seeding, which has been delayed by recent rains.

About midnight Monday night Capt. Wm. Henry Bunting, a well-known farmer of Norfolk county, was shot by Walter Judkins, a conductor on the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad. The shooting occurred at a barroom on the suburbs of Portsmouth and grew out of a quarrel while the men were throwing dice.

In Floyd county yesterday Lundy, Cox and Odell, the three men who held up and robbed Mr. Burnett, a cattle dealer, of $1,100, were convicted. Odell, who turned State's evidence, was given three years in the penitentiary, and each of the others got nine years. All admitted their guilt in court. The money stolen by them is said to be buried in Pulaski county.

Chas. R. Oliver, a well-known real estate dealer of Norfolk, came to his death in a tragic manner yesterday afternoon. He and R. G. Church were in the country, gunning, and had become separated, each going in opposite directions. They had not gone very far, however, when Mr. Church, who had no idea his companion was any where near him, fired his gun and almost instantly killed Mr. Oliver.

A State immigration convention met in Richmond yesterday. Gov. O'Ferrall delivered an address of welcome, and Capt. J. B. Baylor, of the U. S. coast survey, read an interesting paper on "The Navigable Waters and Resources of Virginia." The following officers were elected: President, Abraham Koiner, of Augusta; vice presidents, R. P. Carson, of Washington; J. P. Fitzgerald, of Prince Edward; Isaac Diggs, of King William; Col. E. M. Henry, of Norfolk, and Park L. Poindexter, of Portsmouth; secretary, H. A. Dunlop, of Richmond.

A BIG MORTGAGE.—The largest mortgage ever recorded in the District of Columbia was registered in the office of the recorder of deeds yesterday by the Southern Railroad Company to the Central Trust Company of New York for $120,000,000. The loan was consummated in New York, but the law requires a copy of the contract to be filed with the court of each county through which the lines of the railway pass, and a copy was accordingly transmitted to the District Recorder's office. The loan was agreed upon at a meeting of the stockholders of the Southern Railroad Company in Richmond on October 2. The trustees named are Charles H. Coster, George Sherman and Anthony Thomas. The statement of bonds, guaranteed stock and equipped obligations now outstanding was pledged at $78,088-377.12, secured by liens owned by the Southern Railroad. Besides this there are bonds, guaranteed stock, and equipment material owned by the railroad amounting to $160,000,000. The bonds are to be paid for in gold and bear interest in gold at 5 per cent., payable semi-annually. The bonds are divided into five series, $21,911,627 being for immediate use, $3,263,672 for the liquidation of outstanding obligations, $20,000,000 for the equipment of new and branch lines, $69,124,700 for retiring the mortgage on the Virginia Midland, and $5,700,000 for acquiring the stock of the North Carolina Railroad and the Atlanta and Charlotte. The estimated number of miles in the system is 2,559, passing through Virginia, Tennessee, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and the District of Columbia. A part of the securities of the road cited are the tracks of land owned by the company in Washington, amounting to five squares of ground on which there is at present $127,000 mortgage from the old Richmond and Danville Company. The deed was filed in various other cities yesterday.

FELL FROM A CHURCH STEEPLE.—The breaking of a guy-rope which was being used in raising a stone weighing two tons or more, to the top of the steeple of St. John's Roman Catholic Church, in course of erection in the Marion section of Jersey City, at noon yesterday, resulted in the instant death of Thomas O'Neill. The shock threw him from the top of the steeple head foremost into a pile of building material a hundred feet below, and he was literally dashed to pieces. Thomas Gibbons was also carried away by clinging to a portion of the broken rope. He struck the roof and was caught between its iron beams and fallen stones. He was unconscious when found, and blood was coming from his nose, ears and mouth. It took half an hour's labor to extricate him. At Christ's Hospital, to which he was removed, it was said there is no hope of his recovery.

It is feared that the steeple and north wall of the church will have to be torn down and rebuilt, as the stone in falling strained the walls and beams to a dangerous extent.

Ernest M. Beeson, a carpenter, working on St. John's Church in Warick county, Ill., fell from the top of the steeple ninety feet yesterday and was instantly killed.

☞A CARD.—The Brotherhood of St. Andrew in Alexandria desire to express their thanks to the ladies who so ably assisted them Monday, October 15th, and to all others who aided them with their contributions. From the expressions of praise and commendation that were heard on all sides we hope and believe that all were well pleased with their visit. This was entirely due to the untiring efforts of our lady friends, without whose help it would not have been possible to entertain our brothers and guests. Owing to the large number who helped us, it is hardly possible to thank each individually, so we take this way of expressing our most heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

JOHN W. HERNDON, Chairman of Reception Committee.

DIED.

On the morning of October 16th, 1894, WILLIAM H., infant son of Harry and Mary E. Poss, aged 1 year and 4 months.

A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is stilled;
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.

BY HIS PARENTS.

Funeral Thursday evening, at 3 o'clock, from the residence of his grandparents, 123 Wolfe street. [Washington papers please copy.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Capture of Alleged Train Robbers.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Oct. 17.—This morning about 1:10 o'clock Police Officer Breck noticed a man acting in a rather suspicious manner near the B. & O. depot. He tried to board an express train, west bound, with two satchels. As soon as the officer attempted to make the arrest the man started to run but was caught and taken to the station house. Upon being searched $1,553 was found hidden in two woolen stockings. One silver watch and one gold one, a lot of pawn tickets and three silver pocket books, a revolver and 43 cartridges, and a memorandum book showing where the entire boodle had been divided between the men were also found on his person. In his satchel were found old muddy shoes, a slouch hat and wearing apparel that looked like disguises. He tried to hide another revolver and some money, but was caught in the act. The man weighs at least 160 pounds; is six feet tall, smooth face and dressed neatly. It was discovered by the officials that he had arrived in this city at about 11 o'clock a. m., and had gotten away with several hundred dollars in a gambling house. He claims to belong to the Knights of Pythias, Masons and several other orders. He gave the name of C. J. Searcy, and claimed to hail from Kansas. He admitted having been in Front Royal, Va., yesterday morning. He was committed to jail to await a trial. Officer Beck who made the arrest says the man fought like a lion and attempted to draw a revolver. It is believed that he is one of the men who robbed the express train on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad last Friday night. It is rumored that several men have been arrested at Cherry Run, W. Va., all of whom have large amounts of money upon their persons, but as yet no further particulars can be learned.

When a reporter went to the jail this morning to have an interview with C. J. Searcey, the supposed Quantico train robber, he refused to talk and said that all he had to say was that he was not the man wanted and that he would prove his innocence. He was then asked his name and said that he was known in this city as C. J. Searcey and said he would answer no more questions. He then asked the sheriff for a lawyer and Mr. John McBeth was asked to represent him. In addition to things found on his person last night there was discovered two hundred Honduras lottery tickets in the pawn ticket package late this morning which Searcey would not account for. A boy reported to Acting Lieutenant of Police Martin in this city this morning that he saw two men in the Narrows near this city, counting money out of two satchels. The men had large bundles of greenbacks and stacks of silver. When the boy's presence was discovered he was driven off by one of the men. From the description he gave it is believed the Searcey man now locked in the county jail in this city is one of the men. The boy will be taken to the jail this evening to identify Searcey.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Oct. 17.—A special from Cherry Run, W. Va., this morning says: "An unknown man was arrested near here yesterday answering the description of the men implicated in the Aquia creek robbery. He was as desperate as athletic and caused considerable trouble before being overpowered. He carried a 44-calibre self-acting revolver and held up a number of men but was finally arrested by George Spangler, a western Maryland railroad conductor, after slightly wounding him and several other men. The principal one who carried the satchel escaped through a deep ravine in the mountain and has not been seen since. It is presumed that he kept in hiding there during the evening and escaped during the night and may be far away to-day. They were well dressed. The one escaping wore a blue suit and had on a striped blue percale shirt and carried a satchel.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—The United Press special from Cherry Run, W. Va., gives full particulars of the arrests made there yesterday which were supposed to have some connection with the recent train robbery, but which evidently had no connection with it. The dispatch is as follows:

Two suspicious characters were arrested here yesterday. A third escaped through a dense wood. One of them was from appearance addicted to the opium habit and broke down when arrested, but was restored by a hypodermic injection. The other, a man of athletic build, was chased through the swamps several miles and was finally taken prisoner after a fight. He carried a revolver, but was prevented from using it. He disclaimed any knowledge of the opium fiend, and both men disclaimed any connection with the robbery, and there was not the slightest evidence found upon them to connect them with it or to justify the rumor that the train robbers had been caught.

Foreign News.

BERLIN, Oct. 17.—In the Ruhmeshalle of the Berlin Arsenal this morning the Emperor personally nailed to their staffs the 132 flags of the fourth battalion which have been added to the infantry service by the military law of 1892. The ceremony took place in the presence of the Empress and the four eldest of her sons, most of the other Prussian princes and princesses, the sovereigns of Wurtemburg, Saxony and Bavaria, the various army corps commanders, delegates from various regiments, &c.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 17.—Police last night visited the technological institute here and took into custody 30 of the students who had retired. The charge on which the arrests were made is that the students were engaged in a nihilist conspiracy against the government.

ROME, Oct. 17.—The encyclical letter to the church in America will be issued very shortly the Pope being now engaged in revising and correcting the document. The letter will contain an important passage in regard to the church in South America

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—A cable dispatch from Shanghai says that 15,000 Japanese troops are encamped across Regent's Sword Promontory, to the north of Port Arthur, and within sight of the naval stronghold. They are waiting for a favorable moment to move forward, while outside the port the Japanese cruisers are ready to intercept all retreat seaward.

Sung Kwei, the Emperor's father-in-law, takes the chief command and will try to prevent the landing of a force of the enemy at that point, which possesses great strategic importance. A serious split has occurred at Pekin between Mr. O'Conor, the British minister, and Count Cassinia, the Russian minister. All the foreigners still remaining in the capital have received peremptory orders to leave.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—A Montevideo special says Brazilian authorities in Rio Grande do Sul are apprehensive of an attack on Porto Alegro.

Lynching Threatened.

COLUMBUS, O., Oct. 17.—At 6 o'clock Adjutant General Howe sent two companies of the 14th regiment, B and C, accompanied by Col. A. B. Colt, to Washington C. H., at the request of Sheriff Cook, who telegraphed that a large crowd of farmers were collecting in the town, and he feared the local military company would not be able to prevent them from executing their threat of taking Dolby, the negro rapist, from the jail and hanging him. Adjutant General Howe has a telegram from Col. Colt stating that troops have arrived at Washington C. H. and for the present at least have control of the situation.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Senator Hill is booked to speak every night this and next week at various places in New York.

The gale which has prevailed along the north Pacific coast since Saturday last has caused widespread disaster to shipping interests.

Geo. Kinkel, the regular democratic nominee for controller of Brooklyn, has resigned. Mr. Kinkel gave no reason for his resignation.

Vice President Stevenson met with an enthusiastic reception at Danville, Ill., to-day where he addressed a large democratic meeting.

George W. Dixon was shot and killed last night at Sedalia, Mo., by S. T. Lupe. The trouble arose over Lupe's alleged intimacy with Dixon's wife.

It is reported in New York that the securities of the Southern Railway Co. will be issued next week. The meeting for the election of directors will be held in Richmond next Tuesday.

At Davenport, Ia., yesterday Charles Kaeler, a young carpenter, shot Lizzie Uchtorf in the face, inflicting a serious wound, and then killed himself. The cause of the tragedy is said to have been a lover's quarrel.

At a conference held at democratic headquarters in New York to-day between John Boyd Thacher, Wm. R. Grace and Francis M. Scott it was decided that the Grace local ticket will be headed by the regular democratic State ticket.

A sensation involving quite a number of very prominent people has developed in Sharp county, Ark. Dr. Nixon, Dr. McCabe and Mrs. McCabe were arrested yesterday charged with attempting to poison Dr. A. D. Barr and family by placing poison in a cistern.

Burglars early this morning were entering the home of A. A. Mosher, vice-President of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Trust Company at Kansas City, when they were surprised by Charles Pearson, a private watchman, whom the burglars shot and killed and escaped.

Fire started in the yards of the Thayer Lumber Company at Muskegon, Mich., this morning and 200,000 feet of lumber were destroyed. A pile of lumber forty feet high toppled over and as it fell caught Assistant Fire Chief John Ellens. He was rescued in twenty minutes. His back, arms, legs, skull and chest had been broken by the weight of the lumber and his body was frightfully burned. He died in ten minutes.

The jury in the Hardin-Elrod express robbery case reported at Nashville, Tenn., at 9:20 o'clock this morning. The court room was crowded when the foreman in response to an answer for the judge stated that all the defendants had been found "not guilty." The utmost confusion prevailed. Hardin and Elrod grasped each other's hands, while their wives gave vent to their feelings with tears of joy.

The House of Bishops of the Protest-Episcopal Church, of America, met this morning in the new church mission house, New York, for the especial purpose of electing a bishop to fill the vacancy in the missionary jurisdiction of Olympia, in the State of Washington, caused by the death of Bishop John Adams Paddock. When recess was taken it was thought that the new bishop would be elected at the afternoon session.

When the steamer Gaelic sailed from San Francisco to-day she carried about $750,000 in silver, consigned to China, where it will be used in paying off the army. Most of the cargo was for Japan. The hold was filled with canned meats, and the supposition is that it is meant for supplies for the Japanese army in Corea. The Gaelic carried away 500 Chinese and 100 Japanese. The Chinese say they are going home for the holiday festivities, while most of the Japanese will join the army.

The ending of all litigation in Chicago involving John Crerar's will leaves his trustees free to distribute nearly $1,000,000 among various benevolent, religious and educational institutions, in addition to founding at a cost of $2,000,000, a free public library. Nearly $700,000 was left to institutions in Chicago, and $100,000 was given for a statue of Abraham Lincoln. Bequests that will be paid to religious societies in other cities are as follows: Scotch Presbyterian Church, New York, $25,000; American Sunday School Union, Philadelphia, $50,000; St. Andrew's Society, New York, $10,000.

Augustus Philhower, who was captured in the Neshanic mountains some weeks ago by the Hopewell, N. J., Vigilant Society, was convicted to-day for assault on the ten-year-old daughter of Henry C. Sheppard living near Stoutsburg.

The directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company to-day decided to reduce the semi-annual dividend to 2 per cent. For years the prevailing rate has been 2½ per cent.

It is said that the Baltimore and Ohio and the West Virginia Central railroads have combined to defeat the reelection of Mr. Wilson, of West Virginia, to Congress.

During the year ending with the present month the fishing fleet of New England lost twenty-nine vessels and 112 men.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—11 a. m.—After an irregular opening the stock market developed firmness and prices moved up ⅛a⅞ per cent. The improvement in the market was due to a sudden drop in the posted rates of sterling exchange of 1 cent to 487 and 488. This ought to settle the question of gold shipment for some time as the consignment forwarded by the Havel shows a very small profit and actual rates are now fully a ¼c below those current when gold was engaged. At 11 o'clock the market was firm in tone

BALTIMORE, Oct. 17.—Virginia century 58a58⅝.

Wholesale Prices in Alexandria

Flour, Superfine	1 50	a	1 75
Extra	2 15	a	2 30
Family	2 60	a	2 75
Fancy brands	3 00	a	3 50
Wheat, longberry	0 48	a	0 52
Fultz	0 48	a	0 51
Mixed	0 48	a	0 51
Fair	0 46	a	0 48
Damp and tough	0 45	a	0 47
Corn, white	0 55	a	0 57
Yellow	0 55	a	0 57
New Corn	0 53	a	0 55
Corn Meal	0 56	a	0 58
Rye	0 45	a	0 52
Oats, mixed	0 35	a	0 37
White	0 36	a	0 37
Butter, Virginia, packed	0 18	a	0 20
Choice Virginia	0 20	a	0 22
Common to middling	0 12	a	0 14
Eggs	0 18	a	0 19
Western, hind quarters	0 7	a	0 8
Fore quarters	0 4	a	0 5
Live Chickens (hens)	0 7	a	0 8
Spring do	0 9	a	0 10
Veal Calves	0 4	a	0 5½
Lambs, spring	0 2½	a	0 4
Irish Potatoes	60	a	0 70
Sweet Potatoes, bbl	1 50	a	1 75
Onions, per bushel	0 60	a	0 70
Apples	1 50	a	2 00
Dried Peaches, peeled	0 7	a	0 8
Unpeeled	0 3	a	0 4
Dried Cherries	0 8	a	0 10
Dried Apples	0 6	a	0 8
Bacon, country hams	0 12½	a	0 13
Best sugar-cured hams	0 12½	a	0 13
Butchers' hams	0 12½	a	0 13
Breakfast Bacon	0 10½	a	0 10½
Sugar-cured shoulders	0 8½	a	0 8½
Bulk shoulders	0 7½	a	0 7½
Long clear sides	0 8½	a	0 9
Fat backs	0 8	a	0 8½
Bellies	0 8½	a	0 9
Smoked shoulders	0 8	a	0 8½
Smoked sides	0 9	a	0 9½
Lard	0 6¾	a	0 9½

The wholesale commercial markets while more active with a decided improvement in the volume of business, show very small fluctuations in values and little if any advance in prices. Flour is still easy. Wheat is quiet at a range of from 46 for damaged to 52 for prime milling lancaster. Corn is declining at 56 to 57 for old to 53 to 56 for new. Rye 48 to 53. Oats 34 to 37. We again report light receipts of Eggs, Butter and other Country Produce. Groceries and Provisions are firm. Millfeed, Cotton Seed Feed, Hay and Straw are without change.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—Flour—State and Western dull and weak; Southern quiet and weak; common to fair extra $2 10a3 00; good to choice do $3 10a3 50. Rye Flour inactive and easy; superfine $2 60a2 90. Wheat—No 2 red declined ⅜c; dull; Dec 55 5-16a55⅝. Rye nominal; Western 48a57. Corn—No 2 dull and weaker; Dec 52 15-16a53. Oats—No 2 quiet and steady; Dec 32¾; Jan 33⅝; May 36¼; State 35a38½; Western 32a38½. Pork moderate demand and steady; mess $14 75 to $15 00; extra prime $14 00. Lard quiet and steady; steam rendered $8 00 asked.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 17.—Flour unchanged. Wheat weak; No 2 red spot 52¾a53; Oct 52¾a52⅞; Dec 54½a54¾; May 59½a59¾; steamer No 2 red 50a50½; milling wheat by sample 54. Corn dull; mixed spot and Oct 54 bid; year 49⅛ asked; southern white corn, old, 58; new 56; do yellow, old, 58a59; new 54a56. Oats active at steady prices; No 2 white Western 34½a34¾; No 2 mixed do 32a32½. Rye quiet but firm; No 2 54. Hay firm; good to choice timothy $12 00 to $12 50. Other articles unchanged.

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—Wheat—Dec 51¾a51¾; May 56⅝. Corn—Oct 49¾; Dec 47⅛a47¼; May 49. Oats—Oct 27½; Dec 27⅝; May 32⅛ Pork—Jan $12 35. Lard—Oct $7 50; Jan $7 22½. Ribs—Oct $6 62; Jan $6 30.

CHICAGO CATTLE MARKET, Oct 16.—Cattle.—Sales were generally at $2 50a3 40, and prices below $5.50 took most of the natives. Extra quality, 1,500 to 1,600-lb steers, were quoted as high at $6 20. The offerings of well-finished cattle were few and were firmly held. The common grades were slow and easy. Stockers and feeders are receiving considerable attention and are bringing good prices. Hogs lost 10 cents, nothing selling above $5 35, and the bulk of the business being below $5.20. Sales were from $2 to $4 25 for culls to $5.25a5.30 for prime heavy. Choice sheep and lambs sold well. A lot of fancy lambs brought $4 50. Sheep sold mostly at $1.75a2.75 up to $3.25, and the prevailing price for lambs was $4.

WASHINGTON CATTLE MARKET, Oct. 9.—At Union stock yards—Some 41 cattle were offered and sold as follows: Best 4a4¼c, good 3½a3¾c, medium 3a3¼c, common 2a2¾c per lb. Some 585 Sheep and lambs were on the market with sales as follows: Old sheep sold at 2a3c per lb, lambs at 3a4c per lb. Cows with calves sold from $25 to $50 each. Market for cattle fair, and for sheep and lambs dull.