



QUEEN VICTORIA'S health is said to be failing, and she suffers constantly from terrible headaches.

Of the Illinois delegates to the state convention already appointed, 55 are for Blaine, and 28 for Grant.

Old time democrats will be surprised to hear that Seymour's name met with success in the Syracuse convention.

The democratic papers now point to the New York convention which so strongly endorsed Tilden, and say: "I told you so."

The Mexican congress is debating a bill giving universal amnesty to all persons formerly engaged in rebellion against the republic.

GEN. JOS. E. JOHNSTON has written a letter stating that he will not, under any circumstances, be a candidate for re-election to congress.

The New York convention was the largest one ever held. In 1870 Tilden only had 291 delegates; this time he had 295, with only 80 against him.

The United States ship "Constellation," which was loaded with supplies for Ireland's sufferers, crossed the ocean in twenty days. This is fast time for a sailing vessel.

The republicans have only three members of congress from the whole South—Martin, from North Carolina; Houk, from Tennessee, and Jorgensen, from Virginia.

Gov. COLQUHITT has ordered \$400,000 of the Georgia bonds to be purchased and cancelled. Tennessee will begin to pay her debts some time after Savage has been killed.

The New York platform, when boiled down to the point, contains but two letters. One of these is an immense T, which stands for Tilden, and the other is an F, which represents fraud.

The latest says Tilden will withdraw after the conventions are held. That is, when he captures the Cincinnati convention he will withdraw. What he wants now is vindication and he can't "condone" Kelly.

The Constitution says that all the congressional districts in Georgia, except three, held meetings, Wednesday night, and elected their delegates to Chicago. Of these, six were instructed for Grant, four for Blaine and two for Sherman.

The long cherished hope of the great democratic party was banished when the delegates to Syracuse refused to take any steps to heal the squabble which brought defeat upon the party last year. It is the way the Atlanta Constitution plaintively states it. We have become hardened, and when we see silences of the CHRONICLE's matter stolen by some of our country exchanges, we take it as a matter of course. We are somewhat surprised, though, when we see a whole column "hooked" by a paper like the Atlanta Constitution, and when "special" telegrams are made of our matter, then our surprise and disgust pass all bounds and beggars all description.

According to a dispatch in the Atlanta Constitution, Senator Bailey, of this state, has been the innocent instrument in the hands of some New York speculators to bear Pacific mail and Union Pacific railroad stock. A bill was drawn by a Senate employe who has intimate relations with Wall street, the object of which was to bear the stock. It was given to Mr. Bailey, who introduced it in the senate. It was also introduced in the house by Mr. Manning, of Mississippi.

Ground Giving Way. According to the Times, people in the vicinity of Lakeside, a small village eight miles from Chattanooga and one mile from the line of the Cincinnati Southern railway, are smartly worked up over what seems to be a bottomless pit, which has recently been developed. The Times says: "The ground in a level field, near the town, has given way, and there is now formed a deep lake, 200 feet in length, 75 feet in width, the shape of a figure eight. The place where the sink occurred was formerly used as a deer stand; here, under high trees, the hunters waited as the deer were driven from the mountain side. The trees were from 50 to 75 feet in height. The tops are now 25 feet below the surface of the ground."

Water, clear as crystal, has risen nearly to the surface in the opening, and is still rising gradually. Future developments will be looked for with deep interest.

Aldermanic Love Feast. The sixteen aldermen of the city, together with Mayor Branner, held a joint caucus, termed by some of the aldermen a love feast meeting, at the city hall, last night, for the purpose of reconciling the differences which have existed between the 10 and 6, and if possible come to some agreement to act with harmony and good feeling hereafter. The meeting was private—no outsider being admitted—but it is hoped there will be evidences at the meeting to-night that the purpose was accomplished.

TELEGRAPHIC.

XLVI. CONGRESS.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, April 22.

Senator Morrill (Vt.) submitted a resolution instructing the committee on printing to take such measures as shall exclude from the permanent congressional Record what purports to be the copyrighted argument of a territorial delegate, which appears in the Record to-day, but was in fact never delivered in the house of representatives.

Senator Saulsbury (Del.) thought that the house, having authorized the poem to be printed, the senate could not, in courtesy, interfere.

Senator Morrill (Vt.) said the senate would have to bear part of the reputation, good or bad, of authorizing this production.

Senator Hamlin (Me.) said the committee on printing was a joint committee, and nothing could be done without consulting the house. He hoped this affair would result in future exclusion of speeches, and other productions not actually delivered in congress.

Senator Morrill (of Vt.) said that since offering the resolution he had learned that the house was considering the matter. He therefore withdrew his resolution.

At the expiration of the morning hour, the senate resumed consideration of the army bill.

The reading of the bill was interrupted by a message from the president, informing the senate and house that the heirs of the late Jos. Coolidge, of Boston, desired to present to the United States the desk on which Thomas Jefferson wrote the declaration of independence.

A joint resolution, adopted by the house, accepting the gift and thanking the donors, was passed without division.

Consideration of the army bill was then resumed.

Senator Blaine (Me.) moved to strike out the section relating to the use of the army at the polls. Rejected—yeas, 20; nays, 28.

Senator Blaine then offered an amendment prohibiting the carrying of weapons at the polls by any one, under penalty of fine and imprisonment.

Ruled that this amendment was not in order, inasmuch as it introduced new legislation.

The republicans then offered several amendments intended to break the force of the army at the polls section by giving it such construction as not to prevent the use of the army on election day in the manner and for the purposes prescribed by existing laws. All these amendments were rejected by the same vote, 29 to 19.

Among them was the following, offered by Senator Edmunds [Vt.]: "But this section shall not be held to apply to any case in which, under the constitution of the United States, the president may employ the military power of the government in the faithful execution of the laws."

Senator Blaine [Maine] made another effort to get in a differently worded version of his amendment relative to the carrying of weapons at the polls, when it was again ruled out of order.

The bill was then read a third time and passed; yeas, 28, nays, 18.

On motion of Senator Saulsbury (Del.) the resolutions reported from the committee on privileges and elections, declaring Mr. Spofford entitled to the seat now held by Mr. Kellogg, were taken up, and Senator Bailey (Tenn.) obtained the floor, without opening the debate, however. The senate then adjourned.

HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, April 22.

A rather singular scene occurred in the house this morning. In the Record there appears a speech in blank verse, entitled, "The Immortals," which is copyrighted by Mr. Downey (W. T.), and which purports to be in support of his bill providing for painting biblical pictures on the walls of the capital.

Mr. Garfield (O.) called attention to this fact, and moved that the speech be referred to the committee on rules, to inquire whether it is competent for a member to copyright his speech, pointing out, at the same time, the dangers which might attend such a practice.

Mr. Downey replied that he had the opinion of the librarian of congress upon the competency of his copyrighting his work. He had no objection, however, to Mr. Garfield's motion. Mr. Conger, however, did oppose it in rather an amusing speech, in which he intimated that Mr. Gar-

field was envious of the rising young poet.

The yeas and nays were ordered on Mr. Garfield's motion.

During roll call the members separated into groups, the singular speech being the sole topic of conversation.

Mr. Garfield's motion was agreed to by 419 to 108.

The speaker laid before the house a message from the president informing congress that the heirs of the late Joseph Coolidge, of Boston, desired to present to the nation the desk on which Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence, and which Jefferson had given to said Coolidge.

Mr. Crapo (Mass.) offered a resolution tendering the thanks of congress to the donors, and accepting the precious relic in the name of the nation, to be deposited for safe keeping in the department of state.

After speeches in its favor by Mr. Crapo and by Mr. Tucker (Va.), the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Price (Iowa), from the committee on banking and currency, reported a bill repealing the stamp tax on checks. Referred to the committee of the whole.

The house then went into committee of the whole on the naval appropriations bill. On motion of Mr. Atkins (Tenn.), the appropriation for the contingent expenses of the navy was increased from \$800,000 to \$1,000,000. The bill was then reported to the house and passed.

Mr. Cox (N. Y.) presented a petition of Goodwin & Co., and one hundred and sixty other manufacturers of tobacco, snuff and cigars, asking congress to amend the statutes so as to authorize such manufacturers to cancel bonds, &c. Referred.

The house rejected the motion of Mr. Springer [Ill.] to take up the Curtin-Yocum contested election case.

The house non-concurred in the senate amendment to the fortification appropriation bill, increasing the appropriation for repairs of fortifications by \$50,000.

The house then went into committee of the whole on the state of the union.

Mr. Harris [Va.] who made a motion stating his object to be to call up the bill directing the Secretary of the Treasury to settle the accounts of certain states for moneys expended by them during the war of 1812. The committee found it special confronted, however, by the special deficiency bill, and Mr. Baker, of Indiana, objected to its being laid aside.

Mr. McMahon (Ohio) then made a proposition, which was accepted by the republicans, limiting debate on the bill to an hour for republicans and twenty minutes for democrats.

Mr. Reed (Maine) assumed that democrats had disliked to allow debate on the bill because they found further exposure of inconsistency of their policy since beginning the extra session. He said no party ever objected to put legislation on appropriation bills, except when it was done to coerce a branch of the government. He argued against the policy and constitutionality of this rider amending the election laws. Before the conclusion of his speech, the committee rose and the house took a recess until 7:30 o'clock, the evening session to be for consideration of the "immigration bill."

WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—The president sent the following nominations to the senate to-day: Edgar M. Marble (Mich.) to be commissioner of patents; Jos. K. McCammon (Penn.) to be assistant attorney general of the United States.

A meeting of the ways and means committee of the house was held this morning, but the sub-committee not being prepared to report, no action was taken upon any of the tariff questions before the committee.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—The senate to-day confirmed the nominations of the following census supervisors: J. N. Bynum, for 1st district and Wm. H. Gibbs, for 3rd district of Mississippi.

The nomination of John B. Stickney, as United States attorney for the northern district of Florida, was rejected.

CINCINNATI SOUTHERN.

CINCINNATI, April 22.—The trustees of the Cincinnati Southern railroad have decided to immediately proceed with the construction of the road from Boyce's Station to Chattanooga, and have directed their engineer to advertise for bids. It is estimated that it will require about \$75,000 to build the five miles.

POLITICAL.

VIRGINIA.

STAUNTON, Va., April 22.—The report of the committee on credentials, after much exciting discussion, was adopted, except that Dr. C. S. Wells, collector of customs at Richmond, was unseated, and Capt. R. A. Paul, contested, seated.

The committee on permanent organization, E. W. Early, chairman, reported, nominating for president Gen. W. C. Wickham; for secretary J. H. Hill; assistant secretaries, J. B. Work and J. Yeost, and one vice president from each senatorial district. Ex-Senator John F. Lewis was nominated for president by the convention, and after another long and exciting discussion, during which more confusion ensued and personalities were indulged in, Mr. De Sendorf, of Norfolk, in the interest of peace, seconded the nomination of Col. Lewis. The vote was very close, there not being more than three or four difference, and before it was announced some members accused others of voting twice, and of voting as delegates who were not in the house. Another count was therefore called. It was resolved that in making a second count, every man should rise in his seat when his name was called.

The vote was taken quietly until the last name had been called, but before it was announced it was known to be a tie, and great excitement ensued, while absentees were being hunted up and hurried in and voted. After an hour of excitement and confusion the vote was announced—62 for Wickham and 62 for Lewis, when an old gentleman, looking quite unwell and just aroused from his bed, was brought before the stand and a demand made that his vote should be recorded. Pending a noisy discussion the convention adjourned at 2 o'clock a. m. until 10 o'clock.

FIRE.

OTTAWA, Ont., April 21.—Midnight.—Fully one-half of the city hall is in ruins. A fire broke out in the house occupied by B. Sobearin, on Aridge street, this afternoon. Owing to the high wind, it spread rapidly both in northerly and easterly directions. Despite every means available, the flames could not be checked and buildings after buildings were destroyed. The houses, with few exceptions, were light wooden ones. The whole area of ground composed Church, Dulle, Lake, Kent, Albion, Wellington, Charles, Central, Wright, Hannah and several other streets, all burned.

The heat was intense, and the smoke so dense that the city was almost shrouded in darkness. The fire raged in fierce intensity from 3:30 until 7, when the wind fortunately changed, and it was got under control. It is estimated that between 700 and 800 houses are destroyed and over 4,000 people are homeless. Several lives are known to be lost, whilst it is reported that at least a dozen perished. It is known positively that a woman named Latramontille and a man named Quillette were burned. The area of ground over which the fire traveled is a mile long by 400 yards wide. The loss is from five to six hundred thousand dollars.

MEMPHIS, TENN., April 22.—A special to the Evening Ledger from Forest City, Arkansas, says: "A fire broke out in the Planters' Hotel at 2 o'clock this morning, and before it could be gotten under control destroyed thirteen houses. The hotel was unoccupied, and it is supposed the fire was the work of an incendiary. The loss on the buildings is estimated at \$100,000, and the damage to goods of several firms is about \$100,000. The wind was from the south, to which fact may be attributed the escape of the principal business portion of the city."

KILLED.

NEW YORK, April 22.—Wm. M. Tilston, who had one arm and both his legs broken at Madison, by the falling in of the western end of the Square Garden building last night, died at 4 o'clock this morning at Bellevue hospital. This makes four deaths so far. Another victim is reported this morning to have died at St. Vincent's hospital, but the name is not given. Sixteen others were injured.

FOREIGN NEWS.

WINDSOR CASTLE, April 22, 1 P. M.—The Queen has accepted the resignation of Lord Beaconsfield as prime minister, and has sent a special messenger to Lord Hartington, desiring his attendance at the castle. Lord Hartington will leave London for Windsor almost immediately.

MINOR DISPATCHES.

WILMINGTON, N. C., April 22.—The Star publishes an interview with Mr. W. R. Canaday, the recognized leader of the Sherman movement in this state, in which Canaday claims that, out of 16 delegates to the Chicago convention, already chosen, 13 are for Sherman and 3 for Grant, with 4 yet to be chosen.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 22.—Mrs. Julia A. Tevis, one of the best known teachers in the south, and founder of Science Hill Female academy at Shelbyville, died yesterday.

Stamp Agency at Bristol.

We learn that Col. J. M. Melton, collector of revenue for this district, has recommended that a stamp agency for the sale of all kinds of revenue stamps, be established at Bristol, and it is likely that the same will go into effect on the 1st of May. This will be an important item to our tobacco manufacturers and dealers.—Courier.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET. New York, April 22.—Money, \$1.05; Exchange, \$1.84; Government bonds, quiet and firm; 4 1/2%, \$1.03; 5%, \$1.06; 4 1/4%, \$1.07. States, nominal.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET. New York, April 22.—Cotton—quiet and steady; sales, 805 bales; upland, 11 1/2; New Orleans, 12c. Consolidated net receipts, 5,240 bales; exports to Great Britain, 1,294 bales; to France, 201 bales; to Continent, 1,277 bales.

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GENERAL MARKET. New York, April 22.—Southern flour, steady and quiet; common to fair extra, \$5.25; good to choice do., \$5.65; 70c. Wheat, 1 1/2; better, closing strong, with a moderate export and large speculative business; ungraded red, \$1.30. Corn, market opened 1 1/2 better, but closed with the advance partly lost; ungraded, 5 1/2; Oats, market heavy and 2 1/2; lower; 4c for No. 3. Coffee, dull and unchanged. Sugar, dull; fair to good retulog, 7 1/2; prime, 7 1/2; refined, weak and demand moderate; standard A, 9 1/2. Molasses, quiet and unchanged. Rice, steady and quiet. Wool, unchanged, with a moderate demand. Pork, higher and more active; \$10.88; middling, firm; long clear, 6c; short 7c; lard and short, 7 1/2. Lard, higher and active, \$7.30. Whisky, nominal, \$1.14.12.

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IN WHITE SHIRTS, I KEEP THE PEARL AND ECLIPSE.