

HOME NEWS.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Oct. 22.—The Agricultural Fair opens Tuesday, November 11th. A large list of premiums are offered for exhibition. Also in the speed ring large premiums are offered.

A Congressional Committee in Richmond.

RICHMOND, VA., Oct. 22.—Senators Conkling, Sherman, Winslow, Raymond and Davis United States Senate Committee on inland transportation, arrived here yesterday, as the conference was held to-day, which was attended by Hon. M. Hereford, of West Va., Hon. Thos. C. Boeck, of Va. and delegations of prominent citizens from Norfolk and Lynchburg.

After inspecting the first level of the James River and Kanawha canal and the ship docks the Committee examined a number of witnesses, including Hon. Mr. Boeck, Craighill, Chief Engineer of the James River Improvement, Col. Whitcomb, Chief Engineer of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, Gen. Haupt, former Engineer of the Hoosac tunnel, and now general manager of the Air Line between Richmond and Atlanta.

NEW YORK.

Senator Boutwell Favors Expansion of the Currency.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—Senator Boutwell lectured last night on National finances. He favors expansion, and does not approve resumption of specie until a balance in trade in this country's favor shall justify it. He opposes banks paying interest on call deposits.

Central Railroad Bond Forgeries.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—Four men are reported arrested on charges connecting them with the recent immense forgeries of the New York Central Railroad bonds. The evidence against them is said to have been furnished by the engraver who made the plates from which the forged bonds were printed.

The United States steamer Powhattan, is fast on a sand drift, off of Governor's Island.

Encouraging Exhibit of Exports.

The exports of produce from this port for the week ending yesterday, were \$7,430,523, mixed value. Exports for the corresponding period last year were \$6,114,465. The total exports since January 1st of this year are \$235,092,655, against \$188,703,150 last year.

The Tribune Expresses Its Views of Libel Suits.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—The Tribune, in an article on the imprisonment of Mr. Shanks, one of its attacks, for contempt of court, in Brooklyn, says: "For all it says, the Tribune holds itself responsible. We believe in libel suits. We are quite ready to meet them when they come in our own way, to make reparation when we are wrong, to fight it out to the bitter end when right; but we give fair notice to the beaten, disgraced and angered ring of Brooklyn that it can never restore damaged characters and ruined prospects by a malicious prosecution of newspaper employees, and that in an assault upon the independence of the press it can only cover itself with new disaster."

New Revelation in Stokes' Trial.

Upon the resumption of Stokes' trial to-day Rufus Andrews deposed: Stokes came to consult him before shooting, and gave him a retainer. He was then nervous and excited, and witness thought he was not sane. The District Attorney asked witness if he had any other reason for thinking the prisoner insane beyond the fact that he gave him—witness—a retainer? [Laughter.]

Meeting of the Financiers.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—At a meeting of Bank President's to-day, Mr. Williams, President of the Metropolitan National Bank, submitted a letter he had received from President Grant, in reply to one which he, at the request of a friend, had written to President Grant. The reply of the latter was very brief, and simply stated that for three or four weeks the President would feel disposed in case of an urgent need to issue weekly three or four millions out of the legal reserve.

The following resolutions were passed as the result of the meeting: Resolved, That the message of the President of the United States to the banks of New York be respectfully and gratefully acknowledged, and that we cordially reciprocate his kind wishes and will act in the spirit which he recommends.

Resolved, That from and after the first of November next the equalization of legal tenders by the banks of this association be discontinued.

A proposition came up to use National hand currency rates in Clearing House settlements. The proposition was not carried.

The sanitary inspectors and assistants have received strict orders to lock very closely for any cases of yellow fever, or anything like it. The health authorities believe that many citizens of Memphis are in the city. Mary Kelly, the woman with whom Hennessey, the yellow fever patient, boarded, has fled.

Edward Haight, Jr., representing the firm of Edward Haight Jr. & Co., of Wall street, was expelled this morning from the Stock Exchange by a unanimous vote of the governing committee. The reason of the expulsion was because his father, Edward Haight, Sr., overdraw his account four hundred thousand dollars in the Bank of Commonwealth. He paid part of it and failed to pay the remainder, resulting in the ruin of the bank.

WASHINGTON.

THE PRESIDENT DEFINES THE POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT AS TO THE PRESENT PANIC.

The Currency Reserve to be Drawn Upon Only for Current Expenses.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—The President having nearly recovered from his sickness, which kept him from his office yesterday, received a large number of visitors to-day. On being asked by a friend as to the contents of his recent letter to Mr. Williams, he said therein repeated a former remark, namely, that in addition to what had already been done by the Govern-

ment, the only way of relief was for the Government to buy exchange. But exchange could not now be bought, as the Government has no use for it, having already purchased enough on London for Navy and State Departments to answer present purposes.

There is no intention he further remarked to draw on the forty-four million reserve, nor ought the current expenses of the Government, and the money will be used for no other purpose, and it would seem from the further conversation with the President that the letter in question was merely a suggestion without asserting any intention of positive official action.

What Williams Says of the President's Letter.

A New York reporter last evening ascertained from Mr. Williams, President of the Metropolitan National Bank, that the President in his letter to Mr. Williams merely acknowledged the receipt of one from that gentleman, and expressed his anxious desire to do all he could to relieve the monotony of the panic, and then asked the question: "Why cannot the banks come together and make some arrangement for the relief of merchants and the public?" and adding that he will do all in his power to assist them. This is said to be River and Harbor Appropriations to be Recommended to Congress.

WASHINGTON, D. D., Oct. 22.—Chief Engineer Humphrey's report for the year ending June 30th, 1874, recommends for the upper Mississippi \$72,000; from Missouri to Ohio \$900,000; for Mississippi, Missouri, Arkansas and White Rivers \$372,000; for Louisville and Portland canal \$100,000; for Tennessee and Cumberland \$240,000; for mouth of the Mississippi \$160,000; removing raft out of river and improving Mobile harbor \$145,000; for Ship channel at Charleston, South Carolina harbor \$450,000; for Savannah harbor and river \$100,000; for mouth of St. John River, Florida \$10,000.

FOREIGN.

FORMIDABLE COALITION FOR A FRENCH MONARCHY.

The Programme of the Royalists Announced.

PARIS, Oct. 22.—A meeting of the delegates of the Right Centre of the Assembly was held to-day, Duke D'Andefferet Pasquier presiding. A resolution recalling Council de Chamberd to France was unanimously adopted. The meeting also adopted a resolution formally coalescing with the members of the Left. A communication was addressed to part of the Left Centre with a view to an understanding upon questions of the moment.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—A special to the London Telegraph from Paris states that it is practically settled that the Assembly will meet October 24th. A motion for the restoration of the monarch will be made November 5th.

VIENNA, Oct. 23.—The German Emperor and Bismark visited the exhibition yesterday. They expressed a particular desire to see American machinery in motion, and were conducted through the department of the United States, where they examined several of the most curious inventions. As the Emperor approached the French department many of the exhibitors left the premises.

The Reason Why.

MADRID, Oct. 23.—Admiral Labos, has arrived here. He assigns as his reason for retreating from Carthage to Gibraltar with the Government squadron, was that the only iron clad vessel attached to his fleet was disabled.

PERPIGNAN, Oct. 23.—The Carlists in this city announce that their forces achieved a brilliant victory on the 19th inst., over the Republicans near Puigcerda. Two hundred of the Government troops are said to have been killed.

LISBON, Oct. 23.—The police of this city have seized a quantity of arms destined for the Carlists, and arrested the parties who had them in charge.

Austria and Germany to Join Forces Against the Pope.

VIENNA, Oct. 23.—Prince Bismark had an audience with the Emperor of Austria to-day, and subsequently held a conference with Count Andrassy and the Italian Minister. It is reported that at these interviews the Prince presented the subject of National ecclesiastical legislation, and urged identical action on the part of Austria and Germany with reference to Papal election.

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

The Democratic Municipal ticket is elected in Baltimore.

At the Locomotive Engineers Convention at Philadelphia T. S. Ingraham, of Lafayette, Indiana, First Grand Engineer presides at the next annual meeting in Atlanta, Ga.

Wintermute, the man who assassinated Gen. McCook, has been indicted only for manslaughter. Great indignation is manifested.

Several steamers put into Halifax yesterday on account of storms.

The Spanish Government complains of the influence of a French gunboat during the naval battle of Carthage. The sailors cheered for the Spanish Republic. They also charge that the gunboat carried provisions to the city.

The Governor General in his address to the Canadian Parliament, said they were convened to determine what steps were necessary to complete the Canadian Pacific Railroad, work on which is now suspended. There have been charges of great corruption in connection with the road.

At the Baltimore races yesterday, Tom Bowling was first in the race for \$1,000—time, 3:58. In the fourth race Henry Bassett won in 3:58.

A distillery of W. H. Conning & Co., in Cleveland, Ohio, during a heavy fire, was burned. Loss \$150,000. The warehouse of Rock, Feller, & Co., was also damaged.

YELLOW FEVER.

Strike of the Nurses.

MEMPHIS, Oct. 23.—NIGHT—A cold rain prevails. The temperature is falling. There have been twenty-one deaths from yellow fever to-day, and five from other causes. The scarcity of funds compelled the Howard Association to reduce the pay of nurses to three dollars per day. Three hundred and seventy-five nurses in the Association's employ have struck for five dollars per day.

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