

LOOKING FOR A HALL.

Convention Will Probably Vacate for the Legislature.

NEW MECHANICS' INSTITUTE

Assembly Hall of This Building Will Probably Be Chosen.

THE SUFFRAGE REPORTS TO-DAY.

Sum of \$250,000 Recommended for Penitentiary Enlargement—Mr. Eggleston's Speech the Subject of Wide Comment—Gossip and Notes.

The members of the convention are seriously considering the matter of finding a hall in which to hold the sessions when the Legislature is in session. It is generally recognized as certain that the legislative body will meet before the convention is through with its work.

The assembly hall of the new Mechanics' Institute seems to be the most popular of the places of meeting suggested. Indeed, there is scarcely another place mentioned. The Mechanics' Institute building is in process of erection at Eleventh and Broad, not a hundred yards from the Capitol.

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The Committee on Suffrage did not report yesterday. The Dispatch has reported that the reports would be submitted. The statement was made on the best of authority—that of several of the members of the committee.

There was no meeting of the Committee on Agriculture yesterday, owing to the lack of a quorum. Mr. Stuart, the chairman, was present, but only two or three members were on hand.

The Committee on Education decided yesterday to recommend that the State Library be placed under the control of the Board of Education.

The Committee on Taxation and Finance has agreed to report that the property of religious and benevolent societies shall not be exempt from taxation.

Decrease in Colored School Population.

The negro school population in Virginia is decreasing. This notable and inexplicable fact has appeared in the last ten years.

The increase and decrease of the colored school population of the State is really very interesting. The ten years from 1890 to 1899 were marked by a very decided increase in the colored school population. It was nearly doubled. But the decrease came unexpectedly in the last ten years.

The statistics show that in 1900 there were about 3,000 less population than in 1890. There seems no accounting for it.

The public school system was organized in 1870. During the period from 1870 to 1899 the percentage of colored people in the State who were in the public schools was very small. Then the next ten years the remarkable increase came, and then the next, that is the last ten years, the remarkable decrease.

The cost of the public schools—white and colored—from 1870 down to the present time is nearly \$2,000,000.

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CUP RACERS READY.

Both Yachts in the Nautical Pink of Condition.

A GOOD BREEZE EXPECTED.

Everything Indicates a Fine Contest To-Day.

BETTING IN FAVOR OF COLUMBIA.

The Odds Are 10 to 8, and in Some Instances, It is Reported, 10 to 7.

No Large Wagers Made, So Far as Appears.

NEW YORK, September 25.—Weather sharp and yachting experts unite in predicting that a breeze will blow to-morrow, that will give the Shamrock and Columbia a race which will be memorable in the long series of cup events.

After four days of almost calm weather, a rattling breeze blew in from the northeast early this morning, and at sunrise it had reached half a gale. When the sailors of the cup yacht and their attendant vessels turned out for the last work of preparation, a thirty-mile wind was kicking up the white caps in Sandy Hook bay, and outside a heavy sea was running, so that sailing vessels were pounding along under close-reefed sails.

Neither Sir Thomas Lipton nor Mr. Duncan cared to risk a trial-run under the conditions of wind and water that prevailed in the first half of to-day, but at 2 o'clock, when the wind had fallen, the Columbia's mainsail was hoisted, and a few minutes later she filled away.

After a consultation with Manager Jameson and Designer Watson, S. R. Thomas Lipton decided that it was not necessary to take the Shamrock out for a final trial, she lay moored at her buoy all day, her shining bronze body being the object of much curiosity.

The betting shows the trend of opinion, and the prevailing odds are 10 to 8 on the American boat. In some instances, it was reported late this evening, these odds had to be made larger, as large wagers had been made.

THEY SEE CZOLGOSZ IN THE COUNTY JAIL. Father, Brother, and Sister of Assassin Granted an Interview—Nothing New Developed.

BUFFALO, N. Y., September 25.—Paul, Waldeck, and Victoria Czolgosz, father, brother, and sister, respectively, of Leon Czolgosz, the assassin of President McKinley, were granted an interview with the warden of the Erie county jail to-day.

INSISTS THERE WAS NO PLOT. However, the announcement was made that Czolgosz denies that any one else was concerned in the plot to kill the President.

Balloting for the King.

Great interest is being manifested in the action of the High Commission in the matter of selecting a King for the coming Carnival.

IMPORTANT.

The ballot should be deposited, with the dime, with the officials on duty at Carnival headquarters, No. 1111 east Main street.

CONFIDENCE IN THE SHAMROCK.

LONDON, September 25.—The Yachting World, to-morrow, will say: "British Yachtsmen are quietly confident regarding the chances of the challenger. Should she win, they will, it goes without saying, rejoice greatly; but they have been so used to defeat in the past, that they will not be particularly disheartened should the Shamrock prove to be better than the Shamrock."

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 25.—The Weather Bureau to-night made the following prediction of the weather for to-morrow: "A breeze will blow from the north to northeast winds and fair weather."

MOURNING AT THE WHITE HOUSE. No Official Functions There Before New Year's Day. WASHINGTON, September 25.—Secretary Cortelyou to-day announced that President Roosevelt would not hold any official functions at the White House during the public reception on New Year's Day.

BASE-BALL TRUST BEING ORGANIZED. It May Seek Control of Professional Athletics in General—Capital, \$500,000.

NEW YORK, September 25.—The Evening World says: "A great trust in base-ball and professional athletics is being organized by magnates of the National League, headed by President Hart, of the Chicago club, and Andrew Freedman, of the New York club."

PATROLMAN O'NEILL DISMISSED. Devery Gets Writ of Prohibition Against Trial by Jerome.

NEW YORK, September 25.—Patrolman Edward O'Neill, who, a few weeks ago, openly defied Deputy Commissioner Devery, and who asserted that he was being persecuted because he would not pay money to save himself from being transferred, was today dismissed from the force by Commissioner Murphy.

SAD PLIGHT OF A STRANGER. Mrs. White, of Mount Airy, N. C., Temporarily Bereft of Reason.

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A. F. Noel. I have the pleasure to inform my friends that, after my usual summer vacation, I have resumed my connection with the well-known house of Thalheimer Brothers, where I shall be pleased to see them and serve their wants for all the dry-goods and house furnishing line.

McKinley Memorial Pictures. Free Saturday, September 26th. C. D. KENNY COMPANY, Tea, Coffees, Sugars, Broad and 6th and Main and 17th Sts.

"Delightful Vacation Trip." \$2.50 Richmond to Boston or Providence and return by sea, via Merchants' and Bone Linn's, via the company's palatial steamers, Meals and room included. Send for particulars and illustrated booklet. R. H. WRIGHT, Agent, Norfolk, Va. Tickets on sale at Chesapeake and Ohio and Norfolk and Western offices.

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