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POLITICAL POINTS.

MORE NOMINATIONS FOR CONGRESS.

The New York City Democracy, Cameron in the Shenandoah Valley, New Hampshire Prohibitionists, Latest from Oregon—Neal Elected to Congress.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—At the county convention of Tammany Hall to-night the Union ticket as agreed upon by the joint conference committees was nominated. It consists of Franklin Edson for mayor; Alexander O. Davidson, of Irving Hall, for sheriff; Patrick H. Keenan, of the county Democracy for county clerk; Richard O'Gorman and George L. Ingraham, of Tammany, for judges of the superior court, and Alderman B. F. Martin, Alderman Ferdinand S. Levy, and William H. Kennedy, all of Tammany, for coroners. A resolution offered by Henry A. Gumbleton, accusing Mayor Grace, although a member of the Democratic State Committee, of being in league with the Republicans to bargain away votes, and calling upon the chairman of that body to call them together and expel him as a traitor and spy, was unanimously adopted.

The Irving Hall county convention met this evening, and after hearing the report of their conference committee ratified the nomination of Edson for mayor, Keenan for county clerk, and Davidson for sheriff.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—The county Democracy to-day adopted the local ticket as agreed upon in conference.

Nominated for Congress.

Illinois—Fourth district, F. B. Crandon, of Evanston, Prohibition st.

Connecticut—Second district, General S. E. Merwin, jr., of New Haven, Republican.

New York—Twenty-fourth district, Charles Rhodes, of Oswego, Democrat; Twenty-sixth district—The Republican convention has taken 401 ballots with no result; twenty-fifth district, Alexander H. Davis, Democrat. William A. Sweet, Independent, has withdrawn in favor of Davis; Fourteenth district, Henry R. Low, of Middletown, Republican; Eleventh district, Roswell P. Flower, Tammany Democrat.

Wisconsin—Fourth district, General F. C. Winkler, Republican.

New Hampshire—First district, A. B. Carter; second district, S. C. Baker, Prohibitionist.

New Jersey—Seventh district, Gilbert Collins, Republican.

Missouri Bourbons.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 17.—The Democrats met in convention at the Mercantile Library Hall to-day and nominated a full ticket, as follows: Three judges of the circuit court, George W. Lubcke, A. M. Thayer, and Shepherd Barclay; judge of the probate court, J. G. Warner; judge of the criminal court, G. S. Van Waggener; judge of the court of criminal correction, E. A. Noonan; sheriff, Lawrence Harrigan; clerk of the circuit court, Alexander Garesche; recorder of deeds, Thomas Farrelly; clerk of the criminal court, Patrick Stacy; clerk of court of criminal correction, Philip Zepp; attorney of court of criminal correction, Samuel Erskine; assistant attorney of court of criminal correction, Bernard Dierkes, and coroner, Dr. J. C. Nidelit.

New Hampshire Prohibitionists.

CONCORD, N. H., Oct. 17.—The Prohibitory State convention to-day met here, and S. C. Baker, of Ashland, was made permanent chairman. The committee on nominations reported the following ticket: For governor, Josiah W. Fletcher, of Nashua; railroad commissioners, S. C. Baker, George D. Dodge, and William H. Parker. On reassembling the convention chose a State committee, of which George D. Dodge was chairman. A. B. Carter, of Raymond, was nominated as a candidate for Congress from the first district; and S. C. Baker, of Ashland, from the second district. Resolutions strongly favoring prohibition were adopted, and the convention adjourned.

Defiant Mormons.

SALT LAKE CITY, Oct. 17.—The county officers of Piute County have turned over their offices to the appointees of the governor under the Hoar amendment. The county has a large Gentile element. The municipal officers of Corinne, a Gentile town on the railroad, have also turned over their offices to the governor's appointees, but in all other cases the incumbents, although largely polygamists, have refused to give up possession. Applications for writs of mandamus have been argued in the first and third district courts, and the judges have the matter under advisement.

California Nominations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17.—The Republican county convention yesterday made nominations for surveyor, city and county attorney, district attorney, and superintendent of streets. The Democratic county convention last night made nominations for surveyor, coroner, public administrator, city and county attorney, and judges of the superior court.

The Republicans and Democrats to-day united in naming fifteen freeholders to be voted for at coming city election to compose a convention to frame a new city charter.

Governor Cameron in the Valley.

Special to the THE REPUBLICAN.

HARRISONBURG, VA., Oct. 17.—Governor Cameron, Senator Riddleberger, and Attorney-General Blair addressed a very large audience of the voters of Rockingham County to-day. The governor's presence in the Valley excited great enthusiasm. He will accompany Senator Riddleberger to-night to the home of the latter at Woodstock. Increased Liberal majorities are assured in the Valley counties. Paul will be reelected to Congress by a handsome majority.

Hubbs Withdraws.

RALEIGH, N. C., Oct. 17.—Hon. Orlando Hubbs, the sitting member, who claimed to have been nominated by the Republican Congressional convention of the second district, has published a card withdrawing from the race with his colored Republican opponent, O'Hara, who likewise claimed a regular nomination. The card concludes: "Nothing but a firm belief that a continued struggle will give the district and the State to the enemy could cause my withdrawal."

Judicial Nominations.

WILMINGTON, DEL., Oct. 17.—An *Every Evening* special from Centreville, Md., says the Republican convention of the second Maryland judicial district to-day nominated George M. Kussum, of Caroline, and George A. Blake, of Elkton, for associate judges. No candidate for chief justice was named, which is regarded as an indorsement of Judge Robinson, the Democratic candidate.

Elected by Three Votes.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, Oct. 17.—The *Commercial's* Chillicothe special says: Neal, Democrat, in the twelfth district, has just received the official vote of Brown and Clinton Counties, and with the official vote of the other counties in the district, elect him by three majority over Hart, Republican.

The Citizens to Disband.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—The citizens' committee, which was organized to nominate city officers, met this afternoon. After its adjournment it was stated that Allan Campbell had positively declined the nomination for mayor, and on this it was resolved to disband the association.

The Oregon Senatorial Election.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17.—The Oregon Senatorial contest is approaching a crisis. On the last ballot Mitchell received 38, Shattuck 30; others scattering. The pay of the legislature ceases Friday, and some new combination is probable.

Indorsed by the Democrats.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 17.—Walter E. Rex, the nominee of the Committee of One Hundred for register of wills, was this morning indorsed by the Democratic county convention for that office.

President Arthur's Movements.

PRINCETON, N. J., Oct. 17.—President Arthur and son arrived this afternoon. Dr. McCosh and carriage were in waiting at the station, and the party were immediately taken to President McCosh's residence. Many college students and citizens were at the station on the arrival of the train.

The President left on the evening train for New York. His son enters the college of New Jersey, class of '85. The President made a brief address from the steps of Dr. McCosh's residence to the students, in which he said he placed great confidence in Princeton College. His address was received with rounds of applause. Many flags were displayed in honor of the event.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—President Arthur returned to the city to-night and drove to his residence. No visitors were received by him during the evening. He will leave for Washington Friday afternoon.

Cheap Lands in Virginia.

DANVILLE, VA., Oct. 17.—In Patrick County, this State, where the dearth of provisions recently excited public attention, there was on the 14th instant sold at public auction a body of land containing 1,192 acres and having on it several settlements and apple orchards, at about $8 per acre. On the same day there were sold at auction eleven tracts of land in the same county, containing respectively from 60 to 300 acres, on several of which there are settlements and orchards and indications of iron ore, the whole being about 1,800 acres, at an average of about $1 per acre.

Violating the Edmunds Law.

SALT LAKE CITY, Oct. 17.—Last night a man named Hintze was arrested on complaint of his neighbors for violation of the Edmunds law in cohabiting with more than one woman. He was to start on a mission. The case was heard to-day before a commissioner.

A Big Donation.

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 17.—Hon. W. C. Depauw, of New Albany, Ind., to-night conditionally made a donation of $300,000 to the Asbury University, at Greencastle, Ind., and will arrange in his will for a further endowment. The whole amount of the gifts will be about $1,000,000.

Murder in Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Oct., 17.—During a quarrel to-night in a beer saloon between John Black and Louis Barney, both colored, the latter was shot and instantly killed by the former.

IRISH NATIONALITY.

The Conference in Dublin Not Altogether Harmonious.

DUBLIN, October 17.—The Irish National Conference opened here to-day. Mr. Parnell presided. A letter was read from Mr. Egan, dated at Paris, tendering his resignation as treasurer of the Land League, and giving a statement of the fund of the League. The report shows that a total of £241,829 sterling had passed through his hands. Of this sum there was disbursed in relieving distress in 1879 and 1880, £50,000; in the defense at the State trials, over £15,000, and in expenditures through the General Land League and the Ladies' League, £148,000, leaving a balance of nearly £22,000. Mr. Parnell and Mr. Davitt were received with tremendous cheers by the delegates. Nearly all the extreme Irish members of Parliament are present. The attendance of delegates is large. Messrs Brennan and Sexton were appointed secretaries of the conference. Numbers of letters and telegrams from America approving the movement were read. Letters were also received from several Catholic bishops apologizing for their absence and expressing confidence in the leaders of the movement. Mr. Parnell then submitted the programme of the conference and reviewed its proceeds. The scheme for establishing the Irish League was adopted. Mr. Davitt addressed the convention. He spoke in somewhat more pronounced terms than Mr. Parnell. He declared that until the land which was stolen from the people was restored to the whole people as national property there could be no final and satisfactory settlement of the land questions. At the same time he wished it to be distinctly understood that his declaration did not separate him from Mr. Parnell on the land question. Mr. Parnell accepted an amendment to the proposed land scheme to the effect that increased taxes should be placed on grass lands and that all covenants against tilling should be declared void. The conference unanimously adopted an amendment to the programme in favor of the payment of the Irish party in the House of Commons.

Mr. Davitt moved as an amendment to the proposed constitution of the central council of the new league that the council consist of thirty-two members, one for each county, the parliamentary party to have no nominations, but its members to be eligible. Mr. T. P. O'Connor said this amendment amounted to a vote of want of confidence in the parliamentary party. He accused Mr. Davitt of trying to injure Mr. Parnell's prestige, and reiterated the charge despite Mr. Davitt's repeated denials. Mr. Davitt became greatly excited, and said a gentleman would not have made such an expression if he had not grounded his belief. He withdrew his amendment. It was finally decided that the council should consist of forty-eight members, thirty-two for the counties and sixteen for the parliamentary party. A resolution thanking Mr. Parnell for presiding over the deliberations and expressing unabated confidence in him was passed, and the conference terminated.

A Sound Steamer on the Rocks.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—The steamer City of Worcester, of the Norwich line of Sound steamers, bound for New London, Conn., with a light cargo and 100 passengers, ran on the rocks known as the "Governor's Table," opposite Hunter's Point ferry, in the East River, to-night. The passengers were safely transferred to this city. As the company has taken no provision for them, it is presumed they either sought hotels or continued the journey by rail. At the time of the accident a dense fog prevailed. The pumps were started, and at high tide the vessel floated and was towed to the public dock at the foot of East Twenty-fourth street, where her cargo was taken out. She will be thoroughly examined to-morrow. She struck on her port side, tearing a large hole under the bows. The extent of the damage cannot be learned until the examination is made. Captain Ward claims that he intended to pull his boat further out into the stream and anchor till the fog lifted. He was almost stopped for that purpose but drifted with the strong ebb tide until she struck the rock. She stuck fast for two hours and a half. The City of Worcester is one of the largest sound steamers, and comparatively new, having been launched in September, 1881. She cost $600,000.

The Pimlico Races.

PIMLICO, MD., Oct. 17.—First race—Central stakes, one mile. Won by Circassian, Fairview second, and Enlist third. Time, 1:47. Mutuals paid $25.95.

Second race—Dixie stakes, two miles. Won by Monarch, Hilarity second, Blenheim third. Time, 3:44. Mutuals paid $7.20.

Third race—Oriole handicap, one and one-eighth mile. Won by Girofle, Ella Warfield second, and Parole third. Time, 2:01¼. Mutuals paid $6.85.

Fourth race—Two-mile heats. First heat won by Glenmore, Bushwhacker second. Time, 3:43¼. The second heat was won by Bushwhacker, Glenmore second. Time, 3:42. The third heat and race was won by Glenmore. Time, 3:47. Mutuals paid $6.20, $6.45, and $21.85.

Fifth and last race was a handicap steeplechase, all ages. Ike Bonham finished winner. Time, 5:48. Mutuals paid $7.25.

Tired of Life.

Mrs. Fanny Rosenberg committed suicide Tuesday morning by hanging herself in an outhouse in Albany, N. Y. Melancholia was the cause of the act.

Daniel Brewton, for a number of years a conductor on the Philadelphia, Wilmington, and Baltimore Railroad, cut his throat with a piece of glass at his residence, in West Philadelphia, and was taken to the University Hospital, where he died this evening. No cause is assigned for the act.

At Galveston, Texas, J. H. Ruhl, confidential clerk to Kauffman & Runge, committed suicide. A report is current on the streets that he was short in his accounts $30,000.

Exciting Races—Mahone Wins.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., Oct. 17.—The fall races of the East Tennessee Fair and Turf Association began here to-day. The most exciting event was a running race between General Mahone, of Tennessee, and Planet, jr., of Alabama. General Mahone won the first heat by half a length, in 1:55. The next was a dead heat between General Mahone and Planet in 1:53. The third was also a dead heat between them in exactly the same time. The fourth heat was won by General Mahone in 1:54, coming out only half a length ahead. Third money was taken by Bettie B., of Tennessee. The weather was fine and the attendance good. The meeting continues three days longer.

Newark's Thieves.

NEWARK, N. J., Oct. 17.—At a meeting of the common council this evening the report of expert I. A. Lewis on his examination of the city police department finances was received, showing a known deficit of $1,136.47 in the police courts during the past twelve years. The council referred the report to the grand jury, which is now in session, and committed the suggestions to the finance committee. The finance committee submitted the report upon the former city expert's statement, showing additional stealings by ex-Auditor Palmer and ex-Clerk Hall amounting to $11,000, making the total stealings of those two officials $600,000.

Curious Indictments.

FREEHOLD, N. J., Oct. 17.—The grand jury came into court late yesterday afternoon, and the foreman announced that it had finished its work. Judge Scudder then discharged its members. Ninety-eight indictments were found, among them indictments against John H. Cook, editor of the *Register*, of Red Bank, and Henry Clay and William J. Killet, two reporters, for libel and conspiracy in sending to New York newspapers the false statements about the typhoid fever epidemic which they claimed was raging in Red Bank. These reports greatly injured business in the town, and nearly ruined several of the summer boarding-house proprietors.

Courtney Comes to Time.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—In accordance with Charles E. Courtney's acceptance of George W. Lee's challenge to row a three-mile race with a turn for $1,000 a side, the former's representative was on hand at noon to-day in the *Clipper* office to draw up the agreement and arrange preliminaries for the contest. Mr. Lee or his representative did not put in an appearance, and after waiting some time Mr. Courtney's representative deposited $500 in the *Clipper* office as an expression of business and departed.

Virginia Teetotallers.

PETERSBURG, VA., Oct. 17.—The Grand Division, Sons of Temperance, of Virginia, met in annual session here to-night. There was a very large attendance of delegates from Richmond, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Lynchburg, City Point, Petersburg, and other towns of the State. The reports of the grand officers show the condition of the order throughout the State to be promising. The division adjourned until to-morrow morning.

Deaths of Prominent People.

Mr. Charles Chabot, the well-known English expert in calligraphy, is dead.

P. S. Niles, comedian, died at Lewis Station, N. Y., of consumption.

TELEGRAPHIC TWISTINGS.

—The work on the Panama Canal is progressing. M. Richier has assumed charge.

—The United States steamer Wachusett has arrived at San Francisco from Sitka, via Victoria, British Columbia.

—James H. Riley and James A. Ten Eyck will row for $250 a side on October 30 over the "Laureale course, at Troy, N. Y.

—Epenetus Howe, has writen a letter accepting the nomination for governor tendered him by the Greenback Labor party.

—C. Hinger, of Detroit, Mich., superintendent of the Imperador Gold Mining Company, Panama, was murdered Monday night.

—A monument to the Union dead erected in Chalmette Cemetery, New Orleans, by Jos. B. Mower, Post G. A. R., was Tuesday night formally presented to the United States, General A. T. Bager, representing the post and Col. F. J. Porter, detailed by the War Department, for the purpose of representing the government.

—The American Public Health Association commenced its tenth annual session Tuesday morning in Indianapolis with an attendance of about two hundred. The president, R. C. Kedzie, of Lansing, Mich., presided. Dr. Albert L. Gihon, of Washington, presented a report on the proposed establishment of a national museum of hygiene.

—The American Pomological Society commenced its session here to-day. The attendance is large, and the prospects are that the society will have a very interesting session. The president, Marshall P. Wilder, of Boston, is expected to be present.

JURY-FIXER BOWEN.

HIS CAREER IN PHILADELPHIA.

The Attorney-General Repudiates Him—His Interview with Mr. Brewster—He is Discharged from Custody—What Messrs. Merrick and Wells Say.

The Philadelphia *Press* of Tuesday has the following to say of the arrest of Henry A. Bowen, the alleged dead-beat and jury-fixer, in that city on Monday: "Returning from the West, he arrived in this city about the middle of September. On the 23d of that month he registered at the Great Western Hotel, and, being a man of commanding appearance and jovial disposition, he became quite popular with the other guests, but more especially with the clerk. Bowen is about 50 years of age, tall and well-built, and has iron-gray hair and moustache. He was attired in dark clothes and wore a captivating white tie. He registered as "Harry Bowen, Arizona," and his glowing description of the gold mines in which he claimed to be interested created a favorable impression with Proprietor Trouck, and those with whom he sat down to dinner were elated with the belief that they had a real bonanza king among them. It was "the colonel" here and "the colonel" there. He occupied the best room in his house, and when

HE ORDERED WINE,

which was quite frequently, it was with the air of one who had always dined off the fat of the land. It was his daily custom to invite the clerk to join him in a social glass, and when that employe protested against taking advantage of his generosity, the "colonel" would produce a roll of greenbacks and make some remark about his income. When the first week's board fell due Bowen, with feigned regret, announced that he was a little short, but that he soon expected a remittence from the West. Matters thus continued until about a week ago, when the genial "colonel" disappeared without making an explanation, and leaving behind a couple of valises which contained nothing of value. Soon after his appearance at the Great Western Hotel Bowen was

VISITED BY A MISS HOWARD,

employed as a singer at Thron's concert garden on South Broad street, and the two passed the afternoons pleasantly. The woman did not remain over night. Mr. Trouck a few days ago learned that Bowen was carrying on the haunt of visiting a young woman, who boarded at 1314 Chestnut street, and he caused a warrant to be issued for the arrest of Bowen. The paper was placed in the hands of Constable Meyers, who yesterday afternoon learned that Bowen was in the office of United States District Attorney Valentine, whence he had gone to make an affidavit against the star-route case.

HOW HE WAS CAPTURED.

The constable went to the office and for two hours waited for his man. When Bowen was about leaving he was taken in custody and escorted before Magistrate Lennon. A young man followed the constable and his prisoner, and seemed to take considerable interest in the matter. The defendant was arraigned, and when asked by the magistrate for his name, simply remarked, "Harry Bowen."

"Business, please?" inquired the court.

"Politician," said the prisoner.

"Residence?"

"New York."

The young man previously alluded to intimated to the magistrate that Bowen was in the employ of the government, and when the prisoner was asked if such was the case, he simply remarked: "I am a politician."

The young man objected to the mode of procedure, and when the magistrate announced that he would hold the defendant in $600 bail for a hearing at 10 o'clock this morning, again remonstrated. He was requested to retire, which he declined to do, claiming for the first time that he was a lawyer and represented the accused.

"You are a homœopathic lawyer," said the magistrate.

"And you are a poor magistrate," retorted the alleged lawyer.

This enraged the magistrate, and Constable Meyers was ordered to eject the intruder, a duty which he succeeded in performing after a lively tussel. Bowen was then removed to the police station on Filbert street, above Fifteenth, and on the way thereto informed the constable that he was employed by the government as disbursing agent among the Indians in Arizona. Last evening Miss Howard called at the hotel and earnestly beseched the proprietor to withdraw the prosecution against Bowen, promising to make good the amount of the bill. Bowen was visited in his cell by a reporter of the *Press*, but he declined to make a statement about the object of his visit to this city. He considered his arrest an outrage, and stated that it was brought about by persons in Washington connected with the star-route cases.

Bowen's Interview With Brewster.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 17.—When Bowen was under arrest he was taken quietly to the private office of the Attorney-General in that city. He sent in a note to the Attorney-General, who at once came out of his private office into an outer apartment where Mr. Bowen was seated. The conversation which took place was heard by a senior student, who furnished the following report for publication: "I was present at an interview between Mr. Brewster and Mr. Bowen on October 16, about half-past four. Saw Bowen was in the custody of an officer, having been arrested for not paying his board. He asked Mr. Brewster to advise and assist him so as to relieve him from arrest and advise him how to get bail. Mr. Brewster said he did not know that he did that, and had never seen him before to his knowledge, and because he was a stranger to him, and also because of the

PECULIAR POSITION OF MR. BOWEN

toward the Department of Justice in connection with Dickson's charges, he was the last man that Mr. Brewster could interfere to help under any circumstances. Mr. Bowen said he saw the propriety of that. Mr. Brewster said that he (Mr. Bowen) had involved his department in a scandal maliciously gotten up by these star-route men, by attempting to bring Mr. William Dickson in connection with Mr. Cameron. Mr. Bowen said he was very sorry, but he meant no wrong, and he came from California to make it plain. Mr. Brewster told him if he had any such intent he did injure him and had never seen him before. Mr. Brewster then suggested that if he could get the money from his friends in New York, where he said he had money, he could easily get it by a telegraphic remittance.

FINALLY, MR. BOWEN SAID:

Yes, that could be done, and the officer said he would go with him. Mr. Brewster spoke in a loud tone in the presence of the officer and myself, and on Mr. Bowen's suggestion that they speak in private he refused, saying he was willing to be private. Before the interview Mr. Bowen sent in by me the appended note, and Mr. Brewster immediately came out in the front office. I was present during all the interview, and made this memorandum at the suggestion of Mr. Bowen soon after Mr. Bowen went out: "Oct. Sir: While giving my statement to the District Attorney this afternoon on the alleged bribery of Mr. Dickson I was arrested by the proprietor of the hotel where I am stopping for my board bill. The bill has never been presented, and I can pay it to-morrow. Inasmuch as I am detained here, and have been by Mr. Ker, who is out of town, I am constrained to ask that you advise me as to my course of procedure. Respectfully, H. A. BOWEN.

To the Attorney-General of the United States."

BOWEN PAYS HIS BILL.

Bowen paid the bill this afternoon and was discharged from custody. Attorney-General Brewster says Bowen has made a statement to District Attorney Valentine regarding Dickson's charges in the star-route bribery investigation, and that it has been forwarded to the department officers at Washington. The Attorney-General refused to speak of its contents, and District Attorney Valentine will give no information on the subject.

What Governor Wells Says.

When Mr. Wells, who has been designated to conduct the investigation in the matter of the alleged attempt at bribing jurors in the star-route trials, was asked what he thought of the affidavits published in Monday's REPUBLICAN and the reasons assigned by Colonel Ingersoll for making them public, he said: "I was not employed by Mr. Cameron nor selected by him. On the other hand, I never saw that gentleman nor had any communication with him of any sort on any subject until after I was employed as special counsel by the Attorney-General. It is also an entire mistake to suppose that I am making a private investigation in anybody's interest. I am simply preparing causes, which will, undoubtedly, at the proper time, be presented before appropriate legal tribunals, the only method so far as I understand by which Judge Wylie or any other judge could try or inquire of such matters. I do not think such matters can be tried by the public on ex parte statements or arguments, and though I have gathered a large amount of material relating to the star route that would, perhaps, be quite as interesting reading as the affidavits published by my friend. I do not think it is proper to publish it in the press, and I should not be tempted to follow Colonel Ingersoll's example in this respect; and his acute judgment of the fitness of things doubtless led him to take the same view, because, as I read his argument, he offers the two assumptions denied by me above as an excuse for doing what, under other circumstances, would be utterly improper."

Mr. Merrick's Views.

When Mr. Merrick's attention was called to the publication of affidavits concerning the star-route jury, he said that the government was investigating this thing. The guilty will be punished. It was beneath the dignity of the government to discuss the matter in the newspapers. Any attempt, such as had been made, to forestall public opinion would be unsuccessful. The investigation of the matter now being conducted, would, in his opinion, be completed in two or three days. There will be, he said, three or four cases to present to the grand jury. So far as the star-route cases were concerned, he intended to go right ahead with them. It was singular, he thought, that these jurors, who it is now claimed were approached by the government, were the ones who voted all along for the defense. He had no facts to give now. Mr. Wells was investigating them, and they would be made public at the proper time. He thought there had been an attempt to force some bad men upon the government.

Mr. Dickson's Plain Talk.

A REPUBLICAN reporter ran across Mr. William Dickson Tuesday evening, and asked him what he had to say about the statement telegraphed from this city Monday evening to the Philadelphia *Press*, that "Henry A. Bowen had been an intimate friend of his for years past." "It is a falsehood manufactured out of whole cloth, and the *Press* correspondent who sent it knew it to be a falsehood when he put it on the wires," said Mr. Dickson.

FEVER RAVAGES.

The Yellow Jack in Pensacola and Elsewhere—The Cholera.

BROWNSVILLE, Oct. 17.—Strict quarantine has been established at Port Bagdad against all vessels arriving from Vera Cruz and other places infected with cholera. There were two deaths from yellow fever in Matamoras in the last twenty-four hours. There was one death here. The cases of fever now existing are few and obscure. Surgeon Murray just in from the cordon reports all well along the line. The weather is pleasant.

PENSACOLA, FLA., Oct. 17.—Fifty new cases of yellow fever and three deaths are reported to-day. Total to date, 1,727 cases and 144 deaths. The weather was oppressively warm to-day, with no indication of an early change. The Italian doctor or magician mentioned in a recent dispatch has opened an office for the sale of his infallible remedies and preventive, which is besieged by crowds of negroes, with a small admixture of whites, in such numbers as to block the sidewalks adjacent. The medicine is served out of a barrel on draught, and the enthusiasm of the votaries of magic is worthy of the days of Cagliostro. Mrs. Mallory, widow of the late senator and secretary of the confederate navy, is convalescing of a light attack of the fever.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 17.—The *Times-Democrat* special from Camargo, Mexico, says: "There is no fever in Reynosa. There has been over 100 cases here since the beginning of the disease, and ten deaths. Among the sick is Antonio Alvarado, mayor."

The Comet Seen on the Andes.

PANAMA, Oct. 17.—Yesterday at 4 a. m. a large part of the tail of a great comet was observed over the summit of the Andes. Its great size and silvery brilliancy presented a beautiful and imposing sight. The angle which it formed with the horizon was over 4 degrees, its azimuth was 25 degrees, its breadth, movable width, 22 degrees; its right ascension, 15 degrees, and its declination northward, 13 degrees. Its longitude could not be measured. The sky became hazy just as the nucleus was being observed. It is entering the constellation Cancer, and very soon will be in that of Gemini. When it enters the constellation Taurus it will appear at midnight. It resembles the comet of 1811.

Rev. Thomas Guard's Funeral.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 17.—The funeral of the late Rev. Thomas Guard, pastor of Mount Vernon Place M. E. Church, took place this afternoon. The funeral services were held at the late residence of deceased, on Park avenue, at Mount Vernon Place Church, and at the cemetery. The church was thronged with an immense congregation. A number of pastors of Methodist and other churches were present, many of them taking part in the services. Pastors from churches in Philadelphia, Washington, and other cities were also present. The remains were interred in Greenmount Cemetery.

The Lingard Troupe Smashed.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 17.—A Sandusky, Ohio, special says: A broken rail on the Indiana, Bloomington, and Western Railway near Sandusky threw a passenger car off the track and pretty severely injured William Horace Lingard, Alice Dunning Lingard, Ella Ashley, Olga Andrews, Miss Frances, and Fred Corbett, of the Lingard troupe; M. A. Jacobi, of Cincinnati; H. J. Webb, of Columbus; D. E. Hewett, of Philadelphia; A. K. Smith, of New York, and Conductor Thomas Hinds, of Sandusky. The injured have been brought to Sandusky.

North Carolina Fair.

RALEIGH, N. C., Oct. 17.—The twenty-second annual fair of the North Carolina Agricultural Society was opened here to-day by Governor Thomas J. Jarvis. The exhibition is the best ever made in the State, particularly as to live stock, machinery, and farm products. All departments are complete. An unusually large attendance is expected. Senator Z. B. Vance is expected to deliver an address Thursday.

Bayard Taylor's Home.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 17.—Cedarcroft," Bayard Taylor's homestead, near Kennett Square, was sold to-day at auction, under a peremptory order of sale. Some time ago the farm lands were sold, and to-day the remainder of the lands, with the homestead, were sold for $14,050. The purchaser was a farmer named Isaac Warner, of Malboro'.

Business Failures.

Frederick W. Morris, contractor for the mason work on the new Essex County, New Jersey, Lunatic Asylum, has failed.

The firm of A. & C. J. Hope, iron importers of Montreal, have suspended payment. Their liabilities are: Direct, $200,000, secured; indirect, about $150,000; deficiency, about $50,000.

The "Cunning" of the Thing.

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—The significance of the passage by the common council of a bill to fine minors for drinking in saloons lies in the fact that it is the saloon-keepers' measure, and its effect is to shut off all testimony against all saloon-keepers which would punish them for selling to minors.

Destroyed by Fire.

Dempster Engine Works in Buffalo were destroyed Tuesday. Loss, $18,500. Insured.

At Trenton, N. J., the Greenwood pottery workshop, engine-house and mould-room. Loss, $29,000, covered by insurance.

The Fastest Time.

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—The fastest long run by railway ever made west of this city was that by the Burlington special train which brought the Vanderbilt party from Burlington—207 miles, at the average rate of 59 miles per hour.

The Daily Kentucky Murder.

LEXINGTON, KY., Oct. 17.—Last night John and Richard Travis, cousins, who have been living together, got drunk and quarreled. Richard was stabbed by John, and died in a few hours afterward. The murderer escaped.

Murder and Suicide.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 17.—This morning William Laube, a gardener, aged 60 years, living near the western boundary of this city, shot his son, William Laube, jr., and then cut his own throat. Both are dead.

Base-Ball Yesterday.

BOSTON, Oct. 17.—Buffalo, 6; Boston, 3. Eight innings.

CAPITAL JOTTINGS.

SPEAKER KEIFER returned from New York last night.

GEORGE H. CHRISTY, of Pittsburg, Pa., is at Wormley's.

JAMES ALFRED SMITH, of Philadelphia, is at the Metropolitan.

HON. R. H. STRAHAN, of New York, is a guest at the Arlington.

A. ROLAND SHAW, a prominent lawyer of Chicago, is at the Riggs.

COLONEL JAMES D. BRADY, of Virginia, is located at the Arlington.

HON. JAMES A. MILLER, of Providence, R. I., is a guest at the Riggs.

MASTER JOHN W. STEWART, U. S. N., is in the city, visiting friends.

C. A. SECOR, a prominent New York merchant, is a guest at the Arlington.

B. E. VALENTINE, the well-known New York publisher, is at the Riggs.

COLONEL GEORGE S. PAYSON and wife, of Portland, Me., are registered at the Riggs.

JOHN BARTLETT, of the Boston Manufacturing Company, is a guest at the Riggs.

DR. WILLIAM MOORE and family, of London, England, have parlors at the Arlington.

MIDSHIPMAN FRANCIS J. HAESELER, U. S. N., is here on leave, visiting at No. 1811 G street.

LIEUTENANT LEWIS E. DIXLER, U. S. N., is at the Ebbitt House from his home at Reading, Pa.

MASTER HENRY F. REICH, U. S. N., arrived here Monday on sick leave, and is No. 1310 G street.

R. M. MCKEE, of the General Land Office, left last night for Forrestville, N. Y., to take an active part in the campaign.

GENERAL JOHN M. SCHOFIELD has been made a member of the military prison board, in place of General McDowell.

CHIEF ENGINEER WILLIAM H. RUTHERFORD, retired, U. S. N., who arrived here Monday, is visiting at No. 901 Sixteenth street.

L. H. NUTTING, of New York, passenger agent of the Hudson River Railroad and the New Jersey Central Railroad, is at the Riggs.

COMMODORE ALEXANDER A. SEMMES, U. S. N., president of the new naval board of inspectors, has returned to the city, and is living at No. 2904 P street (Georgetown).

LIEUTENANT RICHARD M. CUTTS, U. S. N., who was detached Monday from duty in the Ordnance Bureau, is ordered to the navy-yard here, so that he will remain in the city during the coming winter after all.

LIEUTENANT EMORY H. TAUNT, U. S. N., arrived here Monday on leave from the training-ship Portsmouth, and is visiting his father-in-law, Commodore Earl English, U. S. N. He will leave Friday evening.

LIEUTENANT FRANCIS D. RUCKER, Second Cavalry, who is on leave from the cavalry and infantry school at Fort Leavenworth, is in the city visiting his father, General Daniel H. Rucker, U. S. A., at his residence, No. 1305 I street.

CAPTAIN LEONARD A. BEARDSLEE, U. S. N., and Mrs. Beardslee, who are so well known in Washington, will remain abroad for three months longer, as the Captain's leave has been extended. They are now at Aix la Chappelle, Germany.

JUDGE ORTS is making it so hot for his opponent, Judge Ward, in Indiana, that the latter has written and published a card denying that he is a free-trader. The Democrats need not expect any very brilliant returns from that Ward on election day.

MIDSHIPMAN AUGUSTUS C. ALMY, a son of Admiral John J. Almy will be here in a day or two to remain for some time. He has just been detached from the Portsmouth, in which he made the cruise this summer to the Mediterranean and "The Blue Madeiras," and placed on waiting orders. He was in the Portsmouth over two years.

A BATCH OF ITEMS

FROM OUR REPORTERS' NOTE-BOOKS.

The Jeannette Inquiry, Y. M. C. A., Associated Charities, the Garfield Claims, Potomac's Hop, West Virginia Republicans Scottish Rite Masons, Etc.

The Jeannette Court of Inquiry was in session Tuesday at the Navy Department from 10:30 a. m. until 1:30 p. m., the entire time being occupied in the continuation of the narrative of Lieutenant John W. Danenhower. He stated that the vessel after leaving Behring Straits entered the ice September 2, 1879, after cruising along its edge some days, during which time either Lieutenant-Commander De Long, Captain Dunbar, the ice-pilot, or the witness was in the crow-nest all the time. Herald Island was in sight September 4, 5, and during the night of September 6 the temperature fell suddenly, forming young ice, and the next day the vessel was fast bound and drifting. The drift was northwest. The ship was at once put in winter quarters, deck-houses built, awnings rigged, snow banked up outside for warmth, the skin clothing served out to all hands, and arrangements made to save the ship's company in case any disaster came to the ship and she had to be abandoned. Sleds were rigged for the boats, and the company organized into boat parties. September and October the ice was quiet, but in November began to move and ram, and some of it showed shells and dirt. Winter routine was inaugurated November 1, and all hands were ordered out on the ice each day for exercise. November 24 a heavy southeast gale opened the ice and the ship floated for nine hours, when she again froze fast, and was never free again. Nothing more of interest occurred during 1879.

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES.

Annual Election of Officers of Some of the Subdivisions.

A large number of the subdivisions of the Associated Charities held annual elections Tuesday night, preparatory to the annual meeting of the central organization which will be held shortly. The fifth subdivision met at 922 D street northwest. The constitution was amended as to annual and quarterly meetings as proposed at a previous meeting. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. George W. Adams; secretary, Mrs. Sara A. Spencer; treasurer, Mrs. Sallie A. Mayse; auditor, Mrs. John T. Mitchell; board of directors, Messrs. W. B. Armstrong, S. W. Woodward, George Rymell, W. R. Speare, Narcisse Demonget, Mesdames Sara A. Spencer, Henrietta Metz, and Mrs. Sallie A. Mayse and Mr. Dr. Fifty-five friendly visitors were elected, and eleven vacancies were referred to the board of directors. Resolutions thanking Mrs. James Gilfillan for her services as treasurer during the past year, and regret at the loss of Hon. James Gilfillan, the former president, who has moved to Mt. Pleasant, were unanimously adopted. The reports of the treasurer and secretary were presented and adopted.

THE THIRTEENTH SUBDIVISION,

including that portion of the county lying between Rock Creek and Bunker Hill road, and between Boundary street and Spring street, met at Whitney-Avenue Chapel. A goodly number were present, and the reports show that the subdivision has been fully alive to the work, and has a balance in their treasury of $240. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, B. P. Davis; vice-presidents, Major Williams and Mr. Prescott; secretary, William Gatley; treasurer, S. H. Goodman; directors, Messrs. Latham, Peck, Stickney, and Mrs. C. B. Smith, Mrs. Gass, Mrs. J. F. Gilfillan, and Miss Mary Prescott; representative to the central board, L. S. Emery. A full corps of visitors were also selected.

THE FIRST SUBDIVISION

held on adjourned meeting for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, but, as many of the prominent members of the association are still out of town, it was deemed advisable to postpone the election until the next meeting on the first Tues