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[illegible]his time the mule stands pre[illegible] for the length, breadth, volume, [illegible]eral viciousness of his kick. But [illegible]ntil some independent secures an [illegible] under the new administration [illegible]s coveted by a prominent demo[illegible] The mule's kick will then dwindle [illegible] insignificance and become as nothing [illegible] comparison to the 1,000 horse-power [illegible]k of the democrat.

A FRIEND and correspondent of the Comte de Paris in this city denies on authority the statement that the latter is preparing a history of the reign of his grandfather, Louis Phillipe. The count further states that the report of the discontinuance of the history of the American civil war is equally erroneous. The further he proceeds with this work the more interested he is with it.

THE letter of Prof. De Wolowski, found in another column, is published in compliance with his request. He has seen fit to accuse this paper of being instrumental in causing his death by its publication of the charges made against him by his daughter. Prof. De Wolowski is dead. Justice, however, demands that the accusation be met with the statement that the article referred to by him contained nothing more than what appeared in other papers, with the exception of a short interview had with Mrs. Beall.

UP to Wednesday of this week the indications were that Blaine had a slight plurality of the popular vote. Texas was reported to have given Cleveland from 98,000 to 100,000 plurality. Republican newspapers generally credited him with the latter figure, and made their calculations on that basis. If the first reports in regard to them had turned out to be correct Blaine would have had from 10,000 to 15,000 plurality, but the official return of 134,855 plurality for Cleveland in Texas upset all calculations, and gave him a plurality over Blaine. It is not a matter of much consequence anyhow.

Our Social Romance.

Miss Willard's elopement with Mr. Paxton promises to take rank locally with the Victoria Morosini-Hulskamp case as a social sensation. And yet there is no very good reason for making so much ado about the matter. Young people have been running counter to the opinions of their elders ever since the world was young, and will continue to do so until the end of time. In our local case it appears that the contracting parties have simply chosen to obey the dictates of their own hearts, and, as the only disparity between them was a possible difference of monetary prospects, the chances may be that they have wisely secured their future happiness at the expense of a bit of publicity that will soon be forgotten.

It is but natural that parents, having guided the footsteps of their offspring from tottering infancy up to vigorous young manhood and womanhood, should find it hard to get rid of the habit of trying to control their actions in even so important a step as matrimony. But marriage is an affair in which the couple united have the largest interest, for their happiness alone is at stake, and no others can bear for them the misery that may spring from an uncongenial mating. Half the sorrow of poor humanity comes from the marriage of people not designed for each other by unity of sentiment and that true affection which condones all faults and magnifies all virtues, or happily discovers and cherishes admirable qualities invisible to the outside world.

Let us hope that after all the young couple whose names have been on every tongue in Washington within the past twenty-four hours may prove to themselves that they have fully secured their future happiness. That is the main object in marriage, and if it is apparent that this end has been reached it ought not to be hard for the bride's parents to forgive her disobedience in a matter where disobedience to parents is most nearly excusable.

The Hocking Valley Strike.

All reports indicate that the great Hocking valley strike is about ended, and ended, as nearly all strikes terminate, in the defeat of the miners.

The strike has lasted for over six months, and has been one of the longest and most obstinate recorded in the history of labor revolts in this country. Its origin was in the miners' refusal to submit to a reduction of 10 cents per ton for mining, and its continuance has been marked by riot, bloodshed, suffering to the point of starvation on the part of the miners, and an almost brutal determination on the part of the owners to crush out the revolt. The worst part of it is that the operators have imported laborers to take the places of the strikers, and thousands of poor fellows now find their field of labor filled, while their suffering families appeal to them in vain for bread. It is said that nearly 20,000 people are practically in a condition of starvation in the valley.

There is something radically wrong in the social structure that permits such exhibitions of disastrous folly. Both sides have lost enormously, and the scars of the conflict will remain for years. The operators have gained their point, but they have lost more than the decreased cost of their output will save for a long period of time, and inflicted untold misery upon thousands of innocent women and children. The miners have lost their pay for six months and all of their accumulated savings, and now with broken spirits accept their employers' hard terms after all. How much a spirit of sensible concession would have saved all concerned.

Sooner or later the strong arm of the law will have to be interposed to prevent such affairs. The tyranny of capital will have to be curbed, and a system of arbitration devised that will do equal justice to employer and employed. With the history of this strike before their eyes it would be creditable to our legislators to at once set about the enactment of laws that will bring capital and labor into more sympathetic relations and do away with such untold suffering as that of which the Hocking valley is now the theater.

The Official Figures.

The official figures are now all in from the states; 10,016,073 votes were cast against 9,219,947 in 1880. The increase is 826,126 votes in four years. Cleveland has 207,828 votes more than Hancock received, and Blaine 389,267 more than Garfield received. Cleveland received 4,913,901 votes, and his pluralities foot up to 475,142, while 4,847,659 voters were cast for Blaine, and his pluralities are 409,900. Cleveland's apparent plurality over Blaine is 66,242.

To measure the strength of the republican and democratic parties from the election returns is not a task easy to perform accurately. The greenback-fusion votes cast for Cleveland in Iowa, Michigan, and Nebraska should be deducted from his column, and those cast for Blaine in Missouri and West Virginia should be taken from the republican total to ascertain the strength of the two parties. The probable strength of the greenback vote cast for Cleveland in the three states named, estimated upon the basis of elections where they voted separately, was approximately 90,000, and that cast for Blaine in Missouri and West Virginia 43,000, which would cut the real democratic plurality down to 17,000 in round numbers.

Butler received 133,880 votes and St. John 150,633. No votes were cast for Butler in Florida, Iowa, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, South Carolina, or Virginia. In the states forming the southern confederacy he received 6,213 votes, of which Texas cast 3,221. The largest number of votes cast for him in any one state was 24,382 in Massachusetts.

St. John received no votes in Arkansas, Mississippi, Nevada, or South Carolina. His largest number of votes was in New York, where he received 25,006, Michigan coming next with 18,403.

The northern states cast 7,033,573 votes, and elected 218 electors, 41 of whom represent senators, leaving 204 representative electors, who each represent 34,478 voters. The southern have cast 2,964,926 votes, and secured 32 senatorial electors and 121 representative electors, each of the latter representing 24,503 voters. It thus appears that the north has to cast about 10,000 more votes to the district than the south to choose an elector. The full returns for all the states are appended:

STATES.	Blaine, rep.	Cleveland, dem.	Butler, people's.	St. John, Prohibition.
Alabama	59,444	92,975	762	610
Arkansas	50,895	72,927	1,847	.....
California	102,527	80,264	2,017	2,939
Colorado	36,277	27,627	1,957	759
Conn.	67,898	67,182	1,865	2,494
Delaware	12,778	17,054	6	55
Florida	28,031	31,759	.....	74
Georgia	47,603	94,067	125	184
Illinois	340,497	312,314	16,910	12,074
Indiana	238,480	244,992	8,293	3,018
Iowa	197,082	177,286	.....	1,472
Kansas	154,406	99,132	16,346	4,495
Kentucky	115,671	152,757	1,635	3,196
Louisiana	46,847	62,040	129	325
Maine	72,399	52,140	3,955	2,149
Maryland	85,699	96,032	531	2,794
Mass.	146,724	122,481	24,433	16,925
Michigan	192,669	180,561	763	18,403
Minnesota	111,685	70,065	5,583	4,584
Mississ'pi	42,774	78,047	.....	.....
Missouri	202,029	235,988	.....	2,153
Nebraska	76,877	54,354	.....	2,858
Nevada	7,193	5,577	.....	.....
N. H.	43,249	39,192	552	1,575
N. J.	123,496	127,798	3,456	6,189
N. Y.	562,005	563,154	17,064	25,003
N. C.	153,068	142,905	.....	488
Ohio	400,082	368,280	5,179	11,069
Oregon	26,852	24,593	723	488
Penn.	474,268	395,747	16,952	15,396
R. I.	19,030	12,394	422	928
S. C.	21,732	69,890	.....	.....
Tenn.	124,078	153,258	957	1,121
Texas	88,353	225,309	3,521	3,511
Vermont	39,411	17,342	780	1,612
Virginia	139,356	145,497	.....	143
W. Va.	63,913	67,831	805	927
Wis.	161,157	146,377	4,598	7,636
Total	4,847,659	4,913,901	155,880	150,633
Plurality	.....	66,242	.....	.....

EL MAHDI is reported to be dead. So many false reports come from the far-away region in which he has been operating, that the report must be received with a large margin of doubt. If it turns out to be true the Soudan problem will have received a strong impulse toward solution. The Gladstone government would probably pay liberally for a confirmation of the story.

AMUSEMENTS.

Albaugh's Opera House.—To-night and Saturday matinee "For Congress." Saturday matinee, "Col. Mulberry Sellers." Next week, "Off to Egypt."

Ford's Opera House.—"A Rag Baby" to-night and at the matinee to-morrow and Saturday evening. Next week, Minnie Palmer, in "My Sweetheart."

National Theater.—"Shadows of a Great City" remainder of week and Saturday matinee. Next week, Joe Jefferson.

The Appropriation Bills.

All the appropriation bills except the sundry civil and deficiency have been printed and given out to the subcommittees of the house committee on appropriations, and these committees are making steady progress in their examination of the estimates submitted. The full committee will meet again next Monday morning, at 10 o'clock.

Unmailable Holiday Gifts.

The dead-letter office is daily receiving large numbers of packages of merchandise, presumably Christmas presents, directed to persons living in foreign countries, which are unmailable under the rules of the department, and are, therefore, detained in the dead-letter office.

Admitting Raw Materials.

At the next meeting of the house ways and means committee, on Tuesday, it is expected there will be some discussion of tariff matters, and Mr. Hewitt's bill, presented last session, admitting raw materials free of duty, may be taken up and considered at length.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

COMD'R WILLIAM GIBSON, U. S. N., and Mrs. Gibson, who arrived here last Saturday, are now at No. 1320 L street.

HON. E. ROCKWOOD HOAR, ex-attorney general under the last administration of Gen. Grant, arrived at Wormley's yesterday evening.

COMMANDER AUGUSTUS G. KELLOGG, U. S. N, who arrived here Monday night with his wife and children from Cincinnati, has taken quarters at No. 1311 H street.

GEN. BENJAMIN H. GRIERSON, colonel of the 10th United States cavalry, arrived last night on leave from Texas, and has taken quarters at the Arlington hotel during his stay here.

COMD'R WILLIAM H. WHITING, U. S. N., who is commanding the training-ship Saratoga, was here yesterday, but will return to New York to-day. He is on leave until Jan. 5, when he will rejoin his ship at Norfolk and sail soon after for a winter cruise in the West Indies.

THE DISTRICT IN CONGRESS.

Important Legislation Proposed—The Liquor Traffic, Convict Labor, and Real Estate Matters.

The bill introduced in the house by Mr. Barbour yesterday to regulate the manufacture and sale of spiritous and malt liquors in the district provides for the following annual license fees: Wholesale dealers in distilled, malt, or fermented liquors, wines, or cordials, $100; manufacturers of brewed or malt liquors, $250; manufacturers of spirituous liquors, $200; rectifiers, $50, and proprietors of bar rooms, $150. Bar rooms must be closed from midnight to 4 a. m., and on Sunday "day and night." No bar room can be located within 400 feet of any school building owned by the district, unless it is "carried on by a hotel keeper for the accommodation of its guests." Before a license is granted a written permission must be presented from a majority of the persons owning real estate and of residents keeping house on the side of the square where it is desired to locate, and on the side of the square fronting opposite. Where no complaint is made against the person holding a license by a majority of the property holders and residents, such person will not be required to file every year with his application a written permission; but if a complaint is made he will be so required.

A bill authorizing the district commissioners to sell certain real estate and to use the proceeds in sites for public schools or in the erection and purchase of school buildings was also offered in the house yesterday. It provides for the sale of lots 3, 4, and 11 and parts of lots 9, 10, and 16, in square 372; sublot 30, in square 399; part of lot 6, in square 925; lots 16 and 17, in square 1008; one acre near the junction of Cmain bridge, Tunlaw and Loughboro roads; one acre on Grant road, the old fish market lot in Georgetown, one acre on Queen's Chapel road, the lot formerly the Georgetown powder house property, and 100 perches west of St. Albans church. The bill also permits the sale of lot 11, in square 481. This lot the commissioners say they purchased of J. Ford Thompson for 50 cents a foot as a site for a police station. Mr. Thompson would not divide the lot so as to give the district just what was wanted, and the whole had to be purchased. The commissioners now wish the authority to sell what they do not need and with the proceeds complete the station houses.

The bill regulating convict labor in the district, introduced Wednesday, provides "that any able-bodied person lawfully sentenced by any court in the District of Columbia to imprisonment in the jail shall, unless exempt therefrom by the sentence, be employed outside of the jail in the day time at labor by the commissioners of the District of Columbia, under such rules and regulations for the performance of such labor, and for the custody, discipline, and safe keeping of prisoners while so employed as said commissioners may prescribe."

NAVAL APPROPRIATIONS.

The Senate Likely to Insist Upon Provision Being Made for the New Steel Cruisers.

The naval appropriation bill, prepared by the house of representatives at the last session, was sent to the senate, where it was amended. The bill then went to a conference committee, but the representatives of the two houses could not agree on the senate amendments, and, the end of the session being at hand, temporary provision was made for the navy by appropriating in a lump sum an amount equal to one-half the appropriations for the preceding fiscal year. The bill passed by the house Wednesday appropriates another lump sum for the last half of the present fiscal year, also upon the basis of last year's appropriations.

Senator Hale, chairman of the subcommittee of the senate committee on appropriations, which will have the measure in charge, said yesterday, in answer to an inquiry, that he was opposed to making appropriations in lump, except in emergencies like that at the end of the last session. The action of the house indicated, he said, a purpose not to give consideration to the senate amendments to the regular naval bill of last session. That bill, he added, was still in conference, and he was in favor of making it the basis of action in the present instance, and by so doing provide the means for beginning work upon the new cruisers before the end of the present fiscal year. This, he said, would be impossible under the provisions of the house bill. He thought this was also the position of a majority of the committee and of the senate.

MAIL CLERKS ORGANIZED.

They Make a Concerted Effort to Obtain Equal Rights from Congress.

The delegates representing the clerks in postoffices throughout the country yesterday called upon Postmaster General Hatton to lay before him a proposition to classify the postoffice clerks and place them on an equality with clerks in other branches of the government service. The delegates brought with them a draft of a bill intended to secure these results, and the postmaster general suggested that they cause the bill to be introduced in congress, when he would pass an opinion upon its merits.

To the representatives of the Philadelphia letter carriers, who seek to secure the benefits of the eight hour law, Mr. Hatton yesterday formally responded that the department had never held that the eight hour law applied to letter carriers, and without undertaking the legal aspect of the case he was of the opinion that the department could not act in the matter without a clear definition of the act by congress.

At a subsequent meeting of the postoffice clerks' convention at the national hotel a committee gave an account of the interview. It was decided to prepare a bill looking to the classification of clerks in first-class postoffices. The National Postoffice Clerks' association was formed, with the following officers: W. A. Chauncey, president; Albert Maguire, vice president; J. Holt Green and George N. Clark, secretaries; R. S. Smallwood, treasurer; J. E. Cowan, H. A. Thomas, C. A. Sternke, G. W. Shanley, W. H. Jacobus, J. D. Spofford, Frank Johnson, and C. H. Wight, advisory committee.

Providing for a Government Architect.

Representative Hopkins's bill to establish the office of government architect, introduced yesterday, provides that the President shall appoint a government architect to hold the office four years, who shall receive an annual salary of ——dollars. Whenever the erection of a public building shall be determined upon the architect shall advertise for competitive plans and specifications, accompanied with estimates of cost, which shall be submitted, together with the architect's own recommendations, to a board composed of the secretary of the treasury, the postmaster general, the secretary of the interior, and the attorney general. The plan approved by the board shall be carried out in the construction of the building and no change shall be allowed, except with the sanction of the board upon the recommendation of the government architect. The architect whose plans are adopted shall receive the usual compensation. The bill provides that the offices of the superintendent of the treasury and architect of the capitol shall cease to exist April 1, 1885.

The Japanese War Minister.

Gen. Oyama, the Japanese minister of war, arrived here yesterday morning from New York, where he landed last Saturday, with his suite, from a tour through Europe, and has secured the Johnson house annex of the Arlington hotel for quarters during his stay in the city. To-day he will call upon Secretary Lincoln and be presented by the latter to the President. The visit to Europe has been to inspect the manufacture of ordnance, and the Springfield arsenal and other manufactories of arms in this country will be visited here. The suite consists of Col. Kawakami, Col. Nolzon, Commandants Saimbon, Morenal, and Yabouki, Lieuts. Soudman and Eudo, and Messrs. Koiky and Tanagaki, secretaries, and Mr. F. D. Emery, who is the American interpreter. During the day the Japanese minister and the attaches of the Japanese legation here paid their respects to the distinguished visitor.

An Abortive Conference.

An attempt was made last evening to have a conference of prominent democrats in order to decide whether or not there should be a general tariff discussion this session. A few democrats went to the house and waited awhile in the room of the committee on ways and means, but as none of the leading revenue reformers appeared, there was no conference. It is generally believed there will be none.

A Pardon Clerk Appointed.

The attorney general has appointed ex-Representative Alexander R. Boteler, of West Virginia, to be pardon clerk of the department of justice, to succeed Mr. Edward Stair, deceased. He will enter at once upon his new duties.

CAPITOL CHIPS.

During the present session the house district committee will meet every Tuesday at 10:30 a. m.

The bill to establish a court of appeals, introduced in the house of representatives yesterday by Mr. Yoder, is the same measure that was introduced in the senate in 1881 by Mr. Davis, of Illinois.

The house committee on public lands will have its first meeting this morning at 10 o'clock. The bill concerning the Portage River and Lake superior Canal company will be reported by the committee next week.

The vote cast by the electors of several of the states for president and vice president were received by the president of the senate yesterday. The first, which came by messenger, was that of Pennsylvania; the first received by mail was that of New Hampshire.

A number of democratic leaders in the house of representatives say that no adjournment will be taken to give members an opportunity to attend the opening of the World's Exposition at New Orleans. They propose to adjourn only for the usual holiday recess.

Representative Gibson has introduced a bill directing the secretary of the treasury to cede to the trustees of Tulane university, Louisiana, the United States marine hospital in New Orleans, the property to revert to the United States should the university cease to use it for educational purposes.

THE AGRICULTURAL BUREAU.

An Important Letter from Civil Service Commissioner Gregory as to Its Management.

The following letter effectively disposes of the statements that have been freely made as to the failure of the commissioner of agriculture to place his department under the civil service regulations:

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 3, 1884.—*Dear Sir:* The newspaper statement quoted by you that "the civil service commissioners have been trying all this time—sixteen months—to get this department' (agricultural) 'under the law, and only succeeded this week'" is false. Had such efforts been made they would have succeeded, as there was no difficulty in the way, except such as our own crowding work imposed. At an early day, shortly after our rules were promulgated, as I recollect it, you informed me of your readiness to consider the agricultural department under the law and to appoint your clerks from the examined lists. Similar statements were repeatedly made to me afterward in your absence by Gen. Carman, your chief clerk. Yours, very truly,

JOHN M. GREGORY, Commissioner, &c.

HON. GEORGE B. LORING, Commissioner of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

A Revolution in Army Retirement.

Bills were introduced in the house yesterday providing that any officer on the active list of the army who served in the war of the rebellion as an officer or soldier may be retired with the next highest full grade above that which he holds and have the rank and pay of that grade, and that any officer on the active list who was promoted for gallant and distinguished services in the war of the rebellion, set forth in the commission from the president, shall, when he is retired from active service, be retired with the rank and full pay to which he was promoted for such specific services, and the retirement of such officer shall be separate from those heretofore authorized.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

POTOMAC STEAMBOAT COMPANY, Washington and Norfolk Line—Change of Schedule—Commencing MONDAY, DEC. 8, 1884, the Steamer George Leary will leave Seventh street wharf on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 5 p. m. Returning, will leave Norfolk, Va., on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 4 p. m.

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THE GRAND NATIONAL FAIR IN behalf of the National Homeopathic Hospital will be held at Marini's Hall from Dec. 15 to Dec. 20, inclusive. All ladies interested in the success of this enterprise are invited to assist by personal effort or otherwise without further invitation; and are requested to meet at Marini's Hall on FRIDAY, DEC. 5, at 12 m.
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SATURDAY.—At 5:30 a. m. for Europe, per steamship Germanic, via Queenstown (letters for Germany, &c., must be directed "per Germanic"); at 5:30 a. m. for Belgium direct, per steamship Waesland, via Antwerp; at 5:30 a. m. for Scotland direct, per steamship Alastia, via Glasgow (letters must be directed "per Alastia"); at 8:30 a. m. for the Netherlands direct, per steamship Zaandam, via Amsterdam; at 11 a. m. for Europe, per steamship Main, via Southampton and Bremen; at 4:30 p. m. for Cuba, Porto Rico, and Nassau, N. P., per steamship Saratoga, via Havana.

Mails for China and Japan, per steamship San Pablo (via San Francisco) close here Dec. *11 at 7 p. m. Mails for Australia, New Zealand, Sandwich and Fiji Islands, per steamship Zealandia (via San Francisco), close here Dec. *13 at 7 p. m. (or on arrival at New York of steamship Britannic with British mails for Australia).

*The schedule of closing of Trans-Pacific mails is arranged on the presumption of their uninterrupted overland transit to San Francisco. Mails from the East arriving on time at San Francisco on the day of sailing of steamers are dispatched thence the same day.

HENRY G. PEARSON, Postmaster.

POSTOFFICE, NEW YORK, Nov. 28, 1884.

AUCTION SALES.

BY VIRTUE OF A DEED OF TRUST RECORDED in Liber No. 1029, folio 390, of the Land Records of the District of Columbia, I will sell at public auction at No. 1001 K street northwest, Washington, D. C., ON SATURDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1884, at 12 o'clock m., one Square Chickering Piano.

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