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FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS.

PREPARATIONS COMPLETED FOR THE CEREMONIES TO-DAY.

The Body of the Deceased Vice President Again at His Late Residence—Dense Crowds—The Distinguished Visiting Delegations.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., NOV. 30.—There was an early lighting of the public streets and city buildings this evening, night coming on rapidly owing to an impenetrable wintry sky which completely obscured the sun. The firmament is starless to-night, and the fear has been general that the morrow may usher in a storm. During the afternoon there were evidences in every direction of the

PREPARATIONS FOR THE CEREMONIES

of to-morrow. The crowds began to grow denser in the business portions of the city, and the hotels took on a crowded appearance. On the residence streets the finishing touches were given to mourning decorations, the work of draping having been practically concluded in the business center. The face of the dead Vice President met one everywhere. This led to the portals of the court house, where the remains of

THE DEAD STATESMAN LAY EXPOSED TO VIEW,

and a surging and ever-increased throng was to be met at any point along its entire length. Shortly before noon Senator Voorhees and party were admitted to the south entrance, and the senator paused for a moment for a close inspection of his friend. At 4:15 o'clock the doors were closed. In a quarter of an hour the marshal and his assistant and representatives of the committee marched to the court house. The casket was borne through the south entrance to the street, where it was placed in the hearse, and, escorted by the four Indianapolis military companies, it was returned to the parlor of the homestead. All along the line of march the mournful music of the Columbus Barracks Military band announced its movement to the people flocked to see the sad spectacle. Until it is removed to the church to-morrow

THE BODY WILL LIE AT REST

beneath the roof where its last living hours were spent, and will be surrounded by the tokens of affection and sympathy placed there by friends to-day.

The committee on reception and arrangements concluded all the matters of detail this afternoon. The arrival of nearly all

THE DISTINGUISHED VISITING DELEGATIONS

has been timed for the early hours of the morning, and subcommittees were appointed to arrange for their reception. One thousand tickets have been issued for admittance to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, where the services will be conducted, and the orders are such that no one will be admitted to the edifice in the absence of a proper card. A detachment of soldiers and police will be on duty to see that this order is carried out. In the funeral procession there will be seventeen carriages for the exclusive use of relatives and intimate private friends. These will follow the hearse from the family residence to the church. The procession will be formed at the church. The remains will reach the church promptly at 12 o'clock.

THE LINE OF MARCH

to Crown Hill Cemetery, where the remains are to be interred, is fully five miles, and owing to the length of the procession any delay in its movement might necessitate the performance of the concluding rites at the grave after the shadows of the afternoon had begun to fall, and owing to this fact the committees have brought to insure promptness in all the movements.

At midnight the sky is overcast, and the probabilities of rain to-morrow are stronger. The hotels have received large additions, especially from points in Indiana and Illinois. Ex-President Hayes has arrived. Gen. Sherman is expected early to-morrow morning.

PURPOSES OF MEMBERS OF THE CABINET.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA., Dec. 1.—The presidential special train on the Baltimore and Ohio road reached here a few minutes after midnight, having made the trip thus far without the slightest deviation from its schedule time. It has been decided by the Cabinet to leave Indianapolis on the return trip at 6 o'clock on Tuesday evening, arriving in Washington shortly after noon on Wednesday.

It has also been determined by the members of the Cabinet not to go to a hotel in Indianapolis, but to occupy the special car as such, the committee at Indianapolis having been so notified. It is the intention to return immediately from the funeral to the cars, as it is very important that the Cabinet officers should be back in Washington at the earliest hour to act upon measures which must come before Congress at the opening of the session on Monday next.

The Visiting Delegation From This City.

The congressional committees to attend the funeral of the late Vice President, and prominent men bound on the same sad journey, left the depot of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock. The train was made up of a smoking and dining car and three sleepers and was pronounced to be the finest in appearance ever sent out from the depot. The smoking car is of the latest and most improved pattern, provided with easy chairs and settees and stools for the feet, while the dining car was supplied with all modern conveniences. The entire train and party were in charge of Mr. Rob't A. Parks, general passenger agent for the southern division of the road. One of the sleepers was for the senators and under the charge of Sergeant-at-Arms Canaday, in this car were Justice Blatchford, Justice Matthews, Senators Edmunds, Beck, Dolph, Vest, Conger, Allison, Harris of Tennessee, Jones of Arkansas, Pugh, Blair, Camden, and Vance; Mr. Canaday, sergeant-at-arms; Gen. McCook, secretary of the Senate, and Mr. East, the late Vice President's private secretary.

The other car was occupied by Representatives Hepburn, Holman, Herbert, Morrison, Phelps, Blount, Ryan, Tucker, Springer, T. B. Ward, and Kleiner, of Indiana; Sergeant-at-Arms Leedom and Postmaster of the House Dalton. Mr. Randall was prevented from going by the death of a relative. The train was in charge of Conductor James Ferguson, and Mr. Robert Barry, of the Pullman company at Philadelphia.

Secretaries Bayard, Whitney, Endicott, Lamar, and Postmaster General Vilas left for Indianapolis yesterday afternoon, and will make a quick trip, arriving there early this morning.

When the United States Supreme Court opened yesterday morning, Attorney General Garland announced the death of Vice President Hendricks. The chief justice replied, expressing the sorrow of the court, and adjourned the court until Thursday as a mark of respect.

The formal announcement of the sad event was also made in the court of claims by the assistant attorney general. Chief Justice Richardson ordered that the court adjourn until next Monday, and that the offices of the court be closed to-day.

The Navy Department issued orders yesterday for the closing of all the navy yards and naval stations to-day.

The public schools and departments will be closed, as well as many private business houses.

Prof. Widdows will toll minute bells at the Metropolitan Church to-day, and will render the following selections: 1. Funeral Changes. 2. Thou Art Gone to the Grave. 3. Angels Ever Bright and Fair. 4. Nearer, My God, to Thee. 5. I Would Not Live Always. 6. Windham Tune. 7. Miserere. 8. Pleyel's Hymn. 9. Rock of Ages. 10. Gounod's Ave Marie. 11. Funeral March. 12. Flee as a Bird. 13. Safe in the Arms of Jesus. 14. Dead March in Saul, Handel.

Reductions Ordered by Secretary Manning.

BALTIMORE, NOV. 30.—In obedience to instructions from Secretary Manning, the collector of this port will dispense with the services after the 15th of December of fourteen employes, whose salaries aggregate $17,385. He will also reduce the salaries of others $2,460, making the total reductions of the cost of the custom house $19,835. The reduced force, it is said, will be amply sufficient to perform all the duties.

Double Suicide.

PITTSBURG, NOV. 30.—A Zanesville, Ohio, special says: At Norwich last night Mrs. Birdie Schroyer, the young wife of Solomon Schroyer, a well-to-do young man, killed herself by taking strychnine. The sad affair so deeply affected her husband that a few hours later he swallowed several ounces of chloroform and is now lying unconscious with very little hopes of his recovery.

VIRGINIA VARIETIES.

Legislators Congregating—The United States Senatorship Contest—Gov.-Elect Lee's Cautiousness.

RICHMOND, NOV. 30.—A large number of the members of the general assembly are in the city to-night. That body will convene on Wednesday. The Democrats will hold a caucus to-morrow. They will re-elect the old speaker, Stuart, of Alexandria, it is said. The greatest interest centers in the election of a United States senator to succeed Mahone, and the contest between John S. Barbour and John W. Daniel for the position is at its height and there is some bitterness among the friends of these gentlemen. From the best information obtainable it seems that Daniel's chances are better than Barbour's. Daniel's friends claim a majority of twenty in the caucus, which may be called any day. Daniel and Barbour are expected here to-morrow.

Governor-elect Lee has had a long talk on state affairs with Gov. Cameron at the executive mansion. The question of the state debt was freely discussed. The new governor will be very cautious in his inaugural in reference to this subject. Gov. Cameron's message will be ready to-morrow night. Its import is not known.

The failure of the great Galiego Flouring Mills here causes Richmond banks a loss of almost $100,000, it is learned.

Fifty persons have been tried in Mecklenburg county for gambling, all having been indicted by the same jury. Some have been acquitted, others convicted, but granted a new trial.

It is said that John E. Massey will be made state superintendent of public instruction. A bank, with a safe capital, will be established at Floyd Court House Jan. 1.

Disasters by Fire.

EMPORIUM, PA., NOV. 30.—The Warner House, a new and elegant hotel, was destroyed by fire this morning. The fire was discovered about 2 o'clock, and burned so rapidly that the guests had much difficulty in effecting their escape from the burning building. Three of them were dangerously and many others slightly injured by jumping to the pavement. The loss on the hotel and furniture is $25,000; insurance $10,000. Brown & Hyman's clothing store is damaged to the extent of $4,000 and T. Hogan's grocery store $800; no insurance.

OMAHA, NEB., NOV. 30.—At 3 o'clock yesterday morning the Jones Hotel and several other buildings were destroyed in South Omaha. Loss, $10,000. The occupants of the hotel, some fifty in number, barely escaped with their lives by jumping from the second and third stories in their night clothes. No one was seriously injured.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., NOV. 30.—The largest fire that has ever visited the village of Savannah broke out at 3 o'clock this morning. Three dry goods stores, two grocery stores, one saloon, a harness shop, a public hall, a bakery, a hardware store, and two barns were consumed. Seven families were burned out. The loss is upward of $30,000.

CANTON, OHIO, NOV. 30.—The fine country residence of Dr. J. C. Hostetter, near Navarra, Stark county, was burned to the ground Sunday night, presumably by incendiaries. The family barely escaped with their lives. Loss, $30,000; no insurance.

BIG WOODS, MANKATO, MINN., NOV. 30.—Fire broke out in F. Ringle's saloon yesterday morning and destroyed a row of ten stores, involving a loss of about $16,000. The fire was only arrested by the removal of a building, and had it not been for the absence of wind the whole business portion of the town would have been destroyed. Most of the merchandise was saved.

Murders by Indians.

WILCOX, ARIZ., NOV. 30.—Indians who left Cedar Springs early this morning killed Will Sam Johnson and a 12-year-old boy, when they proceeded to Underwood's ranch, where they ran off all the stock and horses. They continued southward, and are now in the mountains. The people in this vicinity have been warned, as it is feared a general outbreak is imminent. Johnson's wife is also missing, and is believed to have been killed.

In relation to the killing of Johnson and the boy by Apaches to-day, the following telegram was received by Capt. R. S. Hatch from Fort Bowie:

"Capt. Crawford will have fifty scouts in the Dragon mountains to-night and the same number in the Whetstone mountains by to-morrow. Gen. Crook would like you to warn all citizens to watch their stock and prevent the Indians from getting a remount. Unless they get a remount, we can very likely kill the whole party.

"ROBERTS, A. D. C."

SAN FRANCISCO, NOV. 30.—A dispatch from Globe City, Ariz., says: "News has been received here that W. H. Harrison and William P. Waddo, brother of Judge Waddo, a prominent lawyer in Santa Fe, N. M., have been murdered by Apaches fourteen miles south of Fort Apache."

B. & O. Telegraph Co.'s Legal Victory.

NEW YORK, NOV. 30.—President Bates, of the Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph Company, has received the following dispatch:

"NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 30.—The supreme court of Louisiana to-day affirmed the judgment of the lower court in the case of the Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph Company vs. Morgan's Louisiana and Texas Railroad Company and the Western Union Telegraph Company."

This suit was originally brought to enable the Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph Company to build its line to the right of way of the railroad company between New Orleans and Lafayette, La., 144 miles. The right was awarded, damages assessed and paid into the court, and the case appealed in the interest of the Western Union Telegraph Company, which claimed an exclusive right of way under its contracts of usual character. The decision today establishes the right of the Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph Company. The line in question has been in operation since Jan. 1 this year. The motion of the Western Union company to remove the case to the federal court was denied.

Base Ball.

BOSTON, NOV. 30.—The announcement is made that as a result of the recent base ball League meeting and negotiations that were pending two or three weeks preceding, the franchise of the Providence Club was sold out to President Soden, of the Boston Club, personally. This is not a League or a Boston Club affair, but is the result of a private transaction between Mr. Soden and the management of the Providence Club. As the result of this Mr. Soden will have the control of the players who were reserved by the Providence directors. Radbourn fixed his signature to a contract to play in Boston next season a week ago to-day. Daily, one of the catchers, will also play in Boston, and will sign in the course of two or three days. It is about as good as settled that Farrell will go to Philadelphia, but where any of the other players will locate is a matter of conjecture only. All of the men are more or less in demand.

Rev. Mr. Downs in Disgrace.

BOSTON, NOV. 30.—At a largely-attended meeting of the Baptist ministers this morning the case of the Rev. W. W. Downs, recently pastor of the Bowdoin Square Baptist Church, was considered, and, after some discussion as to the course to be taken, resolutions were unanimously adopted to the effect that Mr. Downs having, by his recent course, brought disgrace upon the ministerial profession and the cause of Christ, he be expelled from membership in the conference. It was also resolved "That we hereby disclaim all fellowship with him as a minister, while we earnestly pray that he may repent and so change his conduct as to win the sympathy of his brethren and of the Christian public; that we approve the action of the Bowdoin Square Society in closing their house of worship."

Smallpox.

RICHFORD, VT., NOV. 30.—A case of smallpox has been discovered at Abbott's Corner, Quebec, seven miles from here.

NEW YORK, NOV. 30.—Wm. Jones lives at No. 3 Morris street, where he keeps a boarding house for emigrants. On Nov. 19 Jones's 2-year-old child died, and a physician said the disease was measles. On Sunday last Mrs. Jones sent three children were stricken down with smallpox, which is now believed to be the ailment of which the 2-year-old child died. The sick have been isolated and the household vaccinated.

MONTREAL, NOV. 30.—For Saturday and Sunday twenty-seven cases of smallpox have been reported, of which eleven were verified.

The Late Archbishop Purcell's Affairs.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, NOV. 30.—J. B. Mannix, assignee of the late Archbishop Purcell, made his first report of the condition of the affairs of the deceased divine to-day. The report shows that the assignee has received $80,000, $31,000 of which was for legal services. He has now on hand $74,000, but does not disburse it among the archbishop's creditors on account of a case pending in the supreme court which may largely increase the value of the estate, or which may make the $74,000 not enough to satisfy claims.

A Murderer Lynched.

LYNCHBURG, VA., NOV. 30.—Henry Mason the negro who killed J. R. Hammersley, white, with an ax near Campbell Court House a week ago, was taken from jail at 2 o'clock this morning and hanged to a tree, and his body riddled with bullets. The mob was painted all colors. A great many colored men were in the mob.

Hon. James G. Blaine Elected.

HANOVER, N. H., NOV. 30.—An informal ballot of the Dartmouth senior class for commencement orator resulted: Hon. James G. Blaine, 105; Gen. B. F. Butler, 5, and James Russell Lowell, 3.

LATEST FOREIGN NEWS.

FIGHTING LIKELY TO BE RESUMED—DISREGARDING THE ARMISTICE.

"It is True the King is Dead!"—King Theebaw Surrenders—The Mahdi's Increasing Power—English Politics—American Gambling Market.

BELGRADE, NOV. 30.—Gen. Leshjanin continues to bombard Widdin. It is expected that general fighting will be resumed in a day or two in disregard of the armistice, as Prince Alexander demands possession of Zaitchar and Pirot as a guarantee of the payment of the war indemnity by Servia.

The Servian ministry has resigned.

Col. Hervatovitch, the Servian minister at St. Petersburgh has arrived here to take command of the forces. The reserves are going to the front. A number of persons have been arrested on the charge of attempting to foment a revolution. Of the 6,000 wounded Servians in hospitals here one-third have self-inflicted wounds on the trigger finger, having been impelled by cold and hunger thus to mutilate themselves in order that they might be sent home.

CONSTANTINOPLE, NOV. 30.—Sir William White, the British representative, to-day asked the Balkan conference to agree to arbitrate between Servia and Bulgaria. M. Nelidoff, the Russian ambassador, protested that the conference was limited to the settlement of the Roumelian question, and that a want of accord among the members of the conference would threaten an abortive result of their labors.

PHILIPPOPOLIS, NOV. 30.—Some agitation has been caused here by Russian agents avowing that Russia only opposes the union of Roumelia and Bulgaria owing to England's siding with the Bulgarians. It is feared that the arrival of M. Sorokine, the Russian consul, will intensify the excitement.

THE INCREASING POWER OF THE MAHDI.

CAIRO, NOV. 30.—Gen. Grenfell telegraphs that bodies of rebel cavalry and infantry are demonstrating on the left bank of the Nile, near Koshay. The armored steamer Lotus is employed in shelling the rebels.

The following is an extract from a recent letter of a British officer stationed at Assouan:

"The Mahdi's death, instead of decreasing his prestige, has increased it. His tomb has become the center of fanaticism. His mantle has fallen on Khalifa Abdulla El Tassha, who wields authority by direct legacy from Mahomet Achmet, and whose claim is recognized. With the fall of the garrisons the immense quantities of ammunition in the arsenal at Khartoum, the skilled artisans, and the material for steamer building have fallen into the hands of the rebels, who are able to organize steamer convoys between Semnar, Khartoum, Berber, and Dongola. They have unlimited camels, and all the craft on the river south of Abu Fatmeh. Steamers are working, others are under repair, and others are building. The enemy may now be said to be in contact with the English outpost at Koshay, and they have all necessary for an advance except the important item—food. In a month's time the crops will be gathered, and with the rich province, Senaar, in their hands they will have all they require. The Arabs are now with the rebels, heart and soul. The recent heavy rains have filled the dams and wells, and it is not impossible the dervish army will advance, and, adding the British outposts, take the desert route and make a direct attack on lower Egypt, leaving the English garrisons in a critical position. Any reverse at a small post would no doubt set against England the Ababdeh and Bisharein tribes now wavering in their allegiance. It is no longer a question of putting off, but an absolute necessity to crush forever the increasing power of the Mahdi. Had the British remained in Dongola, it is not only probable, but almost certain, that the movement would not have been increased to the present alarming extent."

ROME, NOV. 30.—A letter to the Rassegna from Massowah says that Osman Digna is not dead as was recently reported and that he has avenged the prisoners hanged in Abyssinia by massacring all the people of Kassala, Europeans included and reducing the town to ruins.

ENGLISH POLITICS.

LONDON, NOV. 30.—The Birmingham caucus has decided to placard the country parliamentary division with Mr. Gladstone's reference to Irish affairs in his first Midlothian speech. In that he claimed that there was vital danger to the empire if only a small liberal majority was returned, as that would make a liberal government dependent on the Parnellite faction. The tories are fathering an argument that an appeal at the present moment to the country districts would be too late to affect a change sufficient to please Mr. Gladstone, and that it would be better to make the tories strong enough to avert the catastrophe predicted by Mr. Gladstone in the speech referred to above. Meanwhile Mr. Parnell is satisfied that only a small tory majority will be returned.

Mr. Gladstone, speaking at Buckley, Flintshire, to-day, said that the liberal reverses were due to the tomfoolery of nominating duplicate candidates, the miserable imposture called "fair trade," and, lastly and chiefly, the Irish vote in Great Britain. He had nothing to say against his Irish fellow citizens. He had spent the best part of his life in humble endeavors to do them justice, and he hoped that his party would continue its efforts to aid the Irish cause. The power of the Irish in the present elections has been spent. He would be much surprised if the new county electorate should vote against the men who had been fighting their battles for forty years.

Thirty-seven divisions voted to-day. The results will be announced to-morrow. There is still no sign of a liberal majority. The present nominal majority of the liberals is due to Scotland's temporary impulse. There are in England and Wales 230 unpolled divisions, of which the conservatives estimate that they will secure 150. The London divisions complete return 37 conservatives and 23 liberals. The Pall Mall Gazette, in an analysis of the voting up to the close of Saturday, makes the conservative gains 89 and the liberal gains 43, and estimates the total vote cast as follows: Liberal, 1,042,303; conservative, 990,210.

Returns received up to midnight show that 180 liberals, 157 tories, and 28 Parnellites have been elected. The counties are apparently going liberal.

A COLLAPSE OF THE AMERICAN GAMBLING MARKET.

LONDON, NOV. 30.—The Mark Lane Express, in its review of the British grain trade, says: Heavy rains have prevailed during the week, and in some districts the country has been flooded. It is believed the wheat acreage is below that of 1884. Young wheats look strong and healthy. Values are barely maintained, and the tendency is downward. The foreign wheat trade is merely a retail one, and it is difficult to maintain rates. The receipts are large. The floating bulk increases. The huge stocks in America grow larger. Money is scarce; there have been heavy losses and no hopeful signs for the future have yet been sighted. Perhaps the most disturbing element is the possibility of a collapse of the American gambling market, which would entail the shipment of a quantity of wheat here, and further reduce values.

A BATTLE IN PERU.

LIMA, NOV. 30 (via Galveston),—Gen. Caceres is three miles from Lima. A fight is now going on between the government troops and the forces under his command. Trade here is at a standstill. Many business houses are closed.

KING THEEBAW SURRENDERS.

RANGOON, NOV. 30.—King Theebaw of Burmah, becoming alarmed at the rapid approach of the British expeditionary force under Gen. Prendergast, notwithstanding the resistance offered by the Burmese, sent a messenger to Gen. Prendergast begging him to grant an armistice for the purpose of peacably settling the difficulty between Burmah and the Indian government. Gen. Prendergast, in reply, demanded the surrender of the Burmese army and Mandalay, the capital, stating that only then could he entertain any request looking to a settlement of the dispute. King Theebaw acceded to the terms, and the Ava forts, with twenty-eight guns, were turned over to the British troops. A garrison was placed there, and the British troops proceeded to Mandalay on the 28th instant.

ANNEXED TO GERMANY.

YOKOHAMA, NOV. 30.—The German corvette Nautilus has formally annexed the Marshall islands to Germany.

"IT IS TRUE THE KING IS DEAD!"

MADRID, NOV. 30.—There was an imposing scene at the palace of the Escurial upon the arrival of King Alfonso's body. When the procession reached the monastery the Duke de Sexto, the royal chamberlain, knocked and requested admittance for Alfonso. When inside the gates the duke unlocked the coffin and called three times in Alfonso's ear. Then, according to the ritual, he said: "There is no reply. It is true the king is dead." He then relocked the coffin and broke his wand of office.

The new cabinet has been approved throughout Spain. The only fear is in regard to Senor Lorrilla, the republican chief, who will lose prestige unless he attempts a revolt. If he is captured the sentence of death already passed upon him for participation in former risings will be executed immediately.

The manifesto of Gen. Carlos, promising to confirm to the Spaniards all their present civil and religious liberties, is considered a direct bid for the throne, and is also interpreted as a prelude to a proposal of marriage of Don Carlos's son, Prince Jaimie, and the Princess of the Asturias, the king's eldest daughter, in the event of no heir to the throne being born. Both the Carlists and monarchists would welcome such a settlement with acclamation, as it would end a fifty-years' conflict, and enable Spain to assume an appropriate position among the powers of Europe.

(Prince Jaimie was born June 27, 1870, and the Princess of Asturias on Sept. 11, 1880.)

ROME, NOV. 30.—It is announced that the pope will officiate at a requiem mass at the Sistine chapel for the repose of the soul of King Alfonso.

GEN. SHALER LOCKED UP.

Charged With Bribery in Connection With Selection of Armory Sites.

NEW YORK, NOV. 30.—This evening Inspector Byrnes handed to Detective-Sergeants Sievin and Reilly a bench warrant issued by Recorder Smyth for the arrest of Maj. Gen. Alexander Shaler. The general is charged with bribery in connection with the purchase of armory sites. He was arrested at his house, No. 127 West Twenty-eighth street, brought to police headquarters, and was there locked up.

When arrested in his house Gen. Shaler made no protest, but made simple though hurried preparations to accompany the officers to the central office. As the general descended to the elevated railway station, at Fifteenth street, with Inspector Byrnes at his side he gave no token to many acquaintances he met, that he was a prisoner of the chief of detectives with whom he walked and talked. Detectives Sievin and Reilly followed the inspector and Gen. Shaler into the train and took seats directly opposite. When the train reached Bleecker station the party alighted and walked through Bleecker street to the central police office in Mulberry street, the prisoner never speaking a word on the street. He was cool and seemingly indifferent to what was taking place. His dark-brown overcoat was buttoned up to his chin, and a silk hat and kid gloves heightened the effect of a defiant bantam.

Gen. Shaler is president of the board of health and a major general in command of the first division of the National Guard. He is married. Prof. Chandler, of Columbia College, is the head of the health department about two years ago, and he was also secretary of the armory board which selected the sites of armories recently built. The other members of the armory board were ex-Mayor Edson and Robert O. Thompson.

The grounds upon which Maj. Gen. Shaler was arrested to-night may be conjectured closely understood. It may be said that Gen. Shaler has throughout the whole course of the investigation of the Gibbs committee denied that he ever received or was influenced in any way in the choice of sites for armory properties. In his testimony to-day before the Gibbs committee Monmouth B. Wilson said directly and emphatically that by arrangement with Gen. Shaler, after effecting the purchase of the Scheland-Fairchild property to the armory board at figures greatly in excess of what the property could have been bought for at private sale, he had paid off mortgages of $9,000 on property which Shaler then owned in Jersey, and had handed the satisfaction pieces to him (Shaler). After the Gibbs committee began investigating Gen. Shaler handed the pieces back to him, with the request that they be destroyed, which was done.

No indictment has been found against Gen. Shaler. District Attorney Martine drew the papers late this afternoon, and, when sworn to, Recorder Smyth issued the warrant for Shaler's arrest. When the detectives rung the general's bell they were ushered in by a boy, and they found Gen. Shaler at ease, just having finished his dinner. He was at once convinced of the necessity of compliance, and submitted quietly. At police headquarters he was served with notice of the charges preferred by Mayor Grace against him. At 1 p. m. Judge Gildersleeve, Jacob Hess, Col. Jussen, and Gen. Shaler's brother-in-law called at headquarters to see him and remained half an hour. It is not possible that the general should be bailed to-night.

The transactions in which Gen. Shaler is said to be unpleasantly involved are three in number, to many army sites having recently been located and purchased by the armory board of which Gen. Shaler is secretary. Monmouth B. Wilson is a man who is alleged to have acted as a middleman between the owners of property bought for army sites and the board who should choose and purchase. Wilson is said to have got an upset price from property owners, and a bonus as well, and then influenced Gen. Shaler to choose and urge such property as Wilson had in negotiation. Shaler's sin is alleged to be in the fact that he accepted satisfaction pieces of mortgages to the amount of of $9,000 from Wilson, who swears he never spoke to any member of the armory board except Shaler. The theory of those who believe Shaler guilty is that in view of Wilson taking up mortgages on his (Shaler's) property, he (Shaler) lent his influence to fix on such armory sites as should yield Wilson a profit on their sale and purchase.

Republican Victory in the Courts.

CINCINNATI, NOV. 30.—At to-day's session of the circuit court it was agreed that, according to the decision in the case of the Republican senators, nine candidates on the Republican ticket for representatives were elected over the Democrats. One Republican, Col. Robert Harlan, a colored man, is defeated. It was decided that Judge Huston, Democrat, was elected. The Democrats are making arrangements to carry all these cases before the state supreme court.

Mrs. Ellis Confesses.

LOUISVILLE, NOV. 30.—Ellis, the slayer of Stonestreet, was taken to Lagrange, Ky., tonight by an officer who on receiving word that a mob was being organized to hang Ellis hastly brought him back to the city. Mrs. Ellis, about whom the men quarreled, is a very handsome woman. She made a confession that she was ruined by Stonestreet, who married her sister.

They Cannot Marry Just Yet.

John Longfellow Sullivan, the pugilist, was in the city on Sunday, and an evening paper of yesterday said that John had been wedded to Miss Annie Livingston, a bewitching seriocomic artist with the Davene combination, which filled an engagement at the Theater Comique. Sullivan has been paying attentions to the fair vocalist for some time, and there are only two obstacles in the way to his union to Miss Livingston. John has a wife and Miss Livingston has a husband. Both are trying to secure divorces, but have not as yet been successful. The member of the company who was said to have acted as bridesmaid said last night that she could say nothing about the ceremony, although she and other attaches of the theater claim that the ceremony did take place. They could not tell where or by whom.

Mr. Morrow Denies.

Frank Thoma, until recently a bookkeeper in the office of the Sunday Gazette, stated, in a recent publication, that he was appointed a clerk in the department of agriculture, at a salary of $1,265, on July 15, 1884, which position he held until April last. He alleges that he drew $900, all of which he was compelled to pay to Mr. T. G. Morrow, the editor of the Gazette, who got him the place. Col. Morrow denies the statements made by Thoma, and says that the money Thoma paid him was the advance that he made to Thoma regularly on his salary. Thoma was discharged by Mr. Morrow.

A Slight Fire.

The alarm of fire from box 45, shortly after 12 o'clock last night, was for a slight fire in a frame house near the corner of Four-and-a-half and N streets southwest.

Virginia Postoffices.

Postoffices have been established at Hagood, Patrick county; Koskoo, Southampton county and Rawlings, Nelson county, Va.

ABOUT TIMBER FRAUDS.

Commissioner Sparks Explains How the Government is Swindled.

Serious misrepresentations of the scope and purpose of the recent order of the commissioner of the general land office respecting timber depredations having obtained currency in many quarters, Gen. Sparks yesterday made a statement for publication in respect to the matter. He said that he had transmitted to the Secretary over thirty cases of timber trespasses reported by special agents against the Montana Improvement Company, and recommended suits for the recovery from said company jointly with the Northern Pacific Railroad Company of three-quarters of a million dollars in damages to the United States. This company has a stock capital of $2,000,000, of which the Northern Pacific railroad is said to own a majority, and is reported to the general land office as one of the most extensive and dangerous depredators on public timber in the northwest. He denies specifically that he has taken any official action relative to the cutting of timber from mineral lands, or for agricultural, mining, or other domestic purposes,' under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, other than to submit to the Secretary for his consideration certain amendments to existing rules, the chief object of which is to prevent the taking of timber in evasion of law for speculation and export, and says that these amendments, which are now being considered by the Secretary and himself, do not contain the asserted provision that individuals entitled to take timber must cut it themselves, and cannot hire the work done nor employ servants to do it. The commissioner has made no such recommendation. Gen. Sparks says emphatically there is no truth in the statement that there is a coolness between the head of the Interior Department and himself, and that no rules amended or otherwise have been promulgated by him that have not been approved by the Secretary.

"This administration," he says, "means reform of abuses and a return to honest and just methods of government. No man is more devotedly enlisted in this movement than the Secretary of the Interior, and I am quite sure that he has full confidence that his commissioner of the general land office will do all in his power to this end."

Death of Mrs. John C. Smith.

At the Fourth Presbyterian Church yesterday morning (29th) the pastor, Rev. Joseph T. Kelly, announced the death of the late Mrs. John C. Smith in the following impressive and appropriate language:

I have to announce to the congregation today intelligence which, though not new to many, is painful to many. She died yesterday by the side of the former and beloved pastor of this church, in Congressional Cemetery, the form of his widow who had survived him nearly eight years. Mrs. Smith united with this church by letter on the last day of October, 1869, and continued in its membership until the time of her death, on Tuesday last (the 24th instant). During the pastorate of her husband she united with him in the various and arduous duties which were his, and which she could in the ministries which crowded upon him. Her form was a very familiar one as she went in and out among the people ministering in kindness and comforting in sorrow. In the woman's prayer meeting, maintaining often by few, she was active and earnest and a faithful fosterer of its important and helpful work. Sometimes with but one besides herself that service was kept up, and the continuity of prayer was unbroken.

During the war, when so many helpless sick and wounded soldiers were lying in the hospitals of this city, she not only went with her husband on his rounds as chaplain, but ministered with incessant care and loving fidelity to those who were far from home. She was unwearied in this ministry and in the providing and furnishing of such delicacies and nourishments as would not otherwise have been procured—undoubtedly did much, not merely to make the sick comfortable, but in all probability to win back to life some who would otherwise have died. Many such have died, and have gone away from this city bearing with him a very tender and a very just appreciation of the kind and self-denying services of Dr. Smith and Mrs. Smith, and there are undoubtedly homes scattered all through this land to which the news of her death will bring sorrow.

The life that was thus in former years passed in so great activity was closed in pain and suffering. From the day of her fall in the early part of this year she was never entirely free from pain, and as the months passed the weight of her burden of suffering was still further increased by added infirmities and disease. Yet she bore it all in submission to God's will, bowing quietly to His decrees and yielding a willing assent to his command that she should abide at home and wait His summons. Thus she passed the last months of her life here, and when the end came she went away she bade farewell to the sorrows and sufferings of earth and entered the rest that remaineth for all who have been redeemed by the precious blood of Christ!

Death of B. F. Bell.

Mr. B. F. Bell, who has been a clerk in the department of agriculture for several years and who was the Republican candidate for Congress in the third Georgia district last fall, died at his residence in this city Sunday morning of Bright's disease. A meeting of the officers and clerks was held in the library of the department yesterday afternoon to take appropriate action. Mr. J. R. Dodge acted as chairman and Mr. LaDow as secretary. Feeling remarks were made by Messrs. Dodge, Clark, and Church, and the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas we have heard with deep regret of the death of our associate and friend, Benj. F. Bell; and

Whereas we remember him as a man of moral courage, brave deeds, and Christian fortitude; modest and retiring in his manner, but free and confiding with his friends; a man of broad information, high intelligence, honesty, and integrity; one honored by his fellow-citizens with responsible public positions, and more recently by the candidacy for Congress in his native state, attesting the public reputation for uprightness which he bore through life; therefore

Resolved, That in his death we have lost a warm-hearted and generous friend, his state an honest and reliable citizen, his wife a kind husband, and his child an indulgent father.

Resolved, That we extend to his immediate family our deep sympathy.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be engrossed and forwarded to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further evidence of our respect we attend the funeral services of the deceased.

This morning at 10:30 the funeral takes place at the residence, 622 H street northeast. Anacostian Council of the Royal Arcanum, of which Mr. Bell was a member, will have charge of the funeral ceremonies at the grave.

To Set Aside a Land Grant.

Commissioner Sparks, of the land office, has recommended to Secretary Lamar that he request the Department of Justice to bring suit to set aside the patent for the grant known as the Corta Madera del Presidio, in California. The patent was issued last year, and although the grant is comparatively limited in extent (included some 3,000 or 4,000 acres), it is said to be of great value, owing to its proximity to San Francisco. In explanation of his reasons for making the recommendation the commissioner to-day said: They (the patentees) have got more land than the grant called for. I think it is very plain that the grant does not call for the amount of land they got. I do not think I can say there was any fraud in it, but perhaps there was some sharp practice. They contrived to spin out a league of land into a good deal more—in fact, into several leagues. My action in recommending the suit is to reduce the patent to the amount of the grant, admitting the confirmees were entitled to a certain quantity of land.

The Natural Gas Well.

Col. Haines, in speaking of the discovery of natural gas while sinking a well on the flats, stated that the flame of the gas appeared very much like that of burning alcohol. The well had been sunk thirty-two feet below the river bottom at a point near the Long bridge. The officials at the time of the discovery were making examinations of the spot for locating a sluice gait. It is thought that gas exists in quantities near the place, but whether of sufficient paying quantities cannot be determined on until investigated.

Closing Inspection Service.

The quarantine inspection service at Buffalo, Tonawanda, and Charlotte, N. Y., has been discontinued from to-day on account of the close of navigation on Lake Ontario. Instructions have been issued to discontinue the sanitary inspection service at all of the United States consulates except those at Mediterranean and Cuban ports on account of a decrease in cholera.

Damages Wanted for Water-Plug Injury.

The case of A. P. Crenshaw against the District of Columbia, to recover $10,000 damages for injuries sustained by falling over a water plug near the Ebbitt House on May 15, 1883, was called for trial in Judge Merrick's division of the circuit court yesterday, but not concluded.

The Theatre Comique.

The show at the Theater Comique this week is a good one, and there was a crowded house last night appreciating it. The Mastodon Female Minstrels introduce several novelties and the olio performance is up to the standard.

Go for Your Letters Early.

The city postoffice will be closed to-day, by order of the Postmaster General, from noon until 5 o'clock. All the postoffices in the country will be closed during the same hours.

THE ATTACKS ON THE GRANTS

MALICIOUS STORIES ATTRIBUTED TO FERD WARD AROUSE INDIGNATION.

Gov. Abbett and President Cleveland—Cuban Independence Agitation—Navy Yard Workmen Discharged—Senator Morrill—Alderman Sterling's Contest.

NEW YORK, NOV. 30.—The malicious attacks on the Grants, purporting to come from Ferd. Ward, which were published yesterday and republished in the Post today, have aroused great indignation among friends of the Grant family. "It's a disgraceful outrage," said one of the latter this morning, "and I can't imagine the object of such an uncalled-for attack. Do I believe Ward made it out? No, sir. It's my opinion that it was all made up beforehand by the paper's 'special correspondent' and then taken to Ward for indorsement. How can he have any books or papers in his prison if the rules are lived up to?" Lawyer Purrington, one of the counsel in the Ward case, said to-day: "I have only glanced at the statement enough to see that it is a repetition of statements already published except that Ward, instead of stating a definite amount of profit, gives himself a margin of $50,000 in Col. Grant's case, probably in consequence of my statement. His schedules are not correct. The information that Ward says should be published in the newspapers was given by me not only to Mr. Davis, the receiver of Grant & Ward, but to Receiver Johnson, of the Marine Bank. The Grants, although offered inducements to go elsewhere, have remained in this city for the purpose of being interrogated at any time by grand juries, district attorneys, or creditors. Within a few days after the failure of Grant & Ward, Mr. U. S. Grant, jr., then living in New Jersey, came to the city. He has attended on the examination of Warner, and has testified fully in the matter of Mr. Chaffee's claim. He attended without subpœna at the trial of Mr. Fish, and also without subpœna at the recent trial of Ward