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CURRENT TOPICS.

The News in Brief.

A MOVEMENT is on foot to form a pool of all the leading coffin manufacturers of the United States.

THE Western distillers in session at Chicago on the 27th decided upon a basis for the new whisky pool.

OFFICIAL advices from Bordeaux are favorable to an abundant wine crop of excellent quality for 1884.

UP to noon on the 26th four deaths had occurred from cholera at Toulon. There were no deaths at Marseilles.

ANAM has accepted the French proposal without modification, and places itself under the French protectorate.

PRIZES for designs for the Garfield Monument have been awarded, George H. Keller, of Hartford, Conn., taking the first.

VIENNA is worked up over the dynamite question, a loaded bomb having been found near a public building on the 26th.

EX-MINISTER SARGENT was banished from London by Henry Gillig on the 25th. Mr. Sargent was to sail for New York on the 28th.

THE German cholera committee met on the 28th, and the physicians hope to prevent danger by a careful inspection at all ports of entry.

THE appraised value of the assets of the Penn Bank of Philadelphia, Pa., are not more than \$150,000, while the liabilities are \$1,500,000.

THE Secretary of State has telegraphed the United States Consul at Toulon, France, in reference to the cholera epidemic there.

FALLERS in the United States for the week ended the 27th numbered 171; in Canada, 28; total, 199; against 259 the preceding week.

YOUNG GUY and NO YU, the Chinese Genghis who attacked the French, are said to have 100 regular troops between Bak Le and Langson.

THE National Republican Committee met in New York on the 26th and elected B. F. Jones of Pittsburgh, Chairman, and ex-Senator Rosson, Secretary.

MINISTER FERREY stated in the Chamber of Deputies on the 26th that France would at once demand satisfaction for the Chinese violation of the treaty at Langson.

GERMANY'S colonial policy was discussed in a lively manner in the Reichstag on the 26th. Bismarck's indisposition prevented his defense of the government as he wished.

FRANCE VICTOR, of France, declares that he had to leave the paternal roof for political reasons, but says he has the profoundest respect for his father, Prince Jerome.

It is reported that France will demand both an apology and an indemnity of China for the violation of the treaty at Langson, or else will bombard Chinese cities.

THE Land Company of New Mexico has brought suit against Stephen B. Elkins and others to establish its title to one-fifth interest in 8,700 acres of land in New Mexico.

UNITED STATES CONSUL MASON at Marseilles, telegraphed the State Department at Washington on the 26th that cholera had reached that city, and a general exodus had set in.

A non-attacked Protestant mission at Colaca on the Mexican Central Railroad. A minister and others being fired on, returned the fire, killing one and wounding several of the mob.

THE Surgeon-General of the Marine service at Washington received a dispatch on the 27th reporting deaths from cholera at Toulon, France, and assurances that the disease is epidemic.

JOHN T. TERRY, assignee of Commodore Garrison, has been granted power to effect a settlement of the claims of the assignor against the Pittsburgh, Cleveland & Toledo Railroad Company.

THE total collections of internal revenue for eleven months of the fiscal year amounted to \$12,819,029, against \$13,087,448 for the corresponding period of last year; a decrease of \$268,419.

A COMMITTEE of Independent Republicans, with Carl Schurz as chairman, will issue a document to the country giving the reasons why the nominations of Blaine and Logan ought to be opposed.

JACK W. NORTON, of St. Louis, Mo., has leased the new Opera-house to be erected in Chicago at a cost of \$2,000,000. D. Henderson, journalist, and Mr. Meador, are said to be interested with Mr. Norton.

THERE was a serious accident on the Virginia Midland Railroad at the James River bridge at Lynchburg on the 26th. Two sleepers were thrown into the water, and the passengers miraculously escaped serious injuries.

THE New York Herald's published statement in reference to John A. Logan's attempt to snatch 80,000 acres of land from the poor San Indians, and the accompanying revelations are causing considerable talk in Washington.

THE Missouri State Democratic Convention on the 26th elected as delegates-at-large to Chicago, John O'Day, of Springfield; Chas. H. Mansur, of Chillicothe; Morrison Mumford, of Kansas City, and D. B. Francis, of St. Louis.

THE Independent Republican Committee met in New York on the 27th. Letters and reports were read showing that the anti-Blaine feeling was growing, and that the call for a general conference is receiving a greater number of signers than anticipated.

Wm. H. VANDERBILT declines to match Mand S. against Jay-Eye-Sue. While talking on this subject he branched off on money matters, and regretted that people were putting their money in strong boxes instead of investing in stocks while prices are so low.

THE Ohio Democratic State Convention on the 26th elected as delegates-at-large to Chicago General John W. Ward, Hon. Allen G. Thurman, Jno. B. McLean, of the Cincinnati Enquirer, and Hon. Jacob Mueller—all by acclamation. The convention instructed for Samuel J. Tilden for President.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

IN the Harvard-Yale boat race at New London, Conn., on the 26th, the Yale crew won by three lengths.

THE Indiana Freethinkers will hold a State Convention at Indianapolis on July 17.

AN infernal machine was placed on a street-car track at Bradford, England, on the 26th, but it failed to explode.

THE Republicans of the Tenth Indiana District nominated W. D. Owen for Congress.

At the meeting of the Western distillers at Chicago efforts will be made to reorganize the whisky pool.

J. R. WAKFIELD was renominated for Congress by the Republicans of the Second Minnesota District.

The Irish Nationalists at Dublin on the 26th adopted a resolution providing a fund for paying Nationalist members of Parliament a regular salary.

THE Arkansas Democratic State Convention nominated S. P. Hughes, the present Attorney-General, for Governor.

A MEETING of the Conservatives was held at the Grosvenor Club, London, on the 26th, with Sir Stafford Northcote as presiding officer.

HON. WM. MCKINLEY, Jr., of Ohio, has been nominated for Congress.

E. R. MARSHALL was arrested at Milwaukee on the 26th charged with an attempt to pass a counterfeit \$20 note of the First National Bank of Chicago.

THE House bill for the Central Pacific Railroad denies that the road is embarrassed, and says the employees will be paid as usual this month.

THE House bill for the Missouri Pacific Railroad was passed on the 26th, and is expected to be re-elected to Congress by the Democrats of the Seventeenth Ohio District.

THE Republicans of the Thirteenth Indiana District nominated W. W. Williams, present Minister to Paraguay, to succeed Calkins in Congress.

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THE MISSOURI DEMOCRATS.

Proceedings of the Missouri Democratic State Convention—The Delegates-at-Large and District Delegates Who Will Represent the State at Chicago.

St. Louis, Mo., June 28.

The Democratic State Convention assembled in the Standard Theatre at eleven o'clock for the purpose of electing four delegates-at-large and four alternates to the National Convention, which meets at Chicago, July 8.

Martin E. Clark was named by Chairman O'Day as temporary chairman. He came forward amidst immense applause, and addressed the convention in a neat speech which was well received and frequently applauded.

Major Ewing was introduced to the body, and in behalf of the citizens of St. Louis, who have provided a generous entertainment for the members of the convention, delivered a cordial address of welcome, being frequently cheered.

Judge James J. Lindley, of St. Louis, on behalf of the Merchants' Exchange, extended a hearty welcome, and read the programme for the entertainment of the delegates. The address of the Judge was greeted with cheers and laughter.

The full list of temporary officers was then announced by Mr. O'Day, after which Dr. Shields, of Marion, moved that the convention proceed to the naming of its committees on permanent organization, order of business and rules, which was done, the result of the committee's deliberation appearing in the following, taken from the reports of the committee:

PERMANENT OFFICERS.
President, Chas. E. Peers, of Warren County; Secretary, Nicholas Bell, of St. Louis; Assistants, Wm. L. Fitzgerald, of St. Louis; E. T. O'Keefe, of St. Louis; Walter L. McEntire, of St. Louis; C. L. Butler, of Jefferson County; and W. L. Mitchell, of Coles; Sergeant-at-Arms, J. W. Booth, with power to appoint his own assistants.

Twelfth District—James G. T. King, of Callaway; James Carroll, of St. Louis; Thomas Ward, of St. Louis; Cunningham Carr, of St. Louis; J. N. Kirby, of Greene; Andrew Blong, of St. Louis; Ashley Ewing, of Cole.

Thirteenth District—M. E. Parkin, of Henry.

Fourteenth District—E. M. Wells, of Bolinger.

Fifteenth District—J. R. Edwards, of Cole.

Sixteenth District—W. D. Benton, of Henry.

Seventeenth District—M. E. Parkin, of Henry.

Eighteenth District—E. M. Wells, of Bolinger.

Nineteenth District—J. R. Edwards, of Cole.

Twentieth District—W. D. Benton, of Henry.

Twenty-first District—M. E. Parkin, of Henry.

Twenty-second District—E. M. Wells, of Bolinger.

Twenty-third District—J. R. Edwards, of Cole.

Twenty-fourth District—W. D. Benton, of Henry.

Twenty-fifth District—M. E. Parkin, of Henry.

Twenty-sixth District—E. M. Wells, of Bolinger.

Twenty-seventh District—J. R. Edwards, of Cole.

Twenty-eighth District—W. D. Benton, of Henry.

Twenty-ninth District—M. E. Parkin, of Henry.

Thirtieth District—E. M. Wells, of Bolinger.

Thirty-first District—J. R. Edwards, of Cole.

Thirty-second District—W. D. Benton, of Henry.

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UNSUBSTANTIAL CLAIMS.

There is at this time much speculation as to the preference of voters of foreign birth in the approaching Presidential election.

The Republican press and orators are making broad claims to the exclusion of all foreign-born voters. There does not appear to be any substantial ground to rest such claims on.

Mr. Blaine is a Republican of Republicanism, and thus, St. Braddon, of Texas.

It is known that he has advocated which entitles him to more favor among Irishmen, or all Irish-American voters, than his party has. That the Republican party has done nothing to entitle it to the special love of foreign-born voters, Irish or others, need scarcely be asserted.

Never in the history of the United States has the foreign-born voter been so respected as he is now. Never has it been so utterly unable to assert any doctrine or right which another government felt inclined to dispute as it is right now.

Republican rule has turned the National spirit to such respect for the rights of the foreign-born, and created a feeling of timidity in all our ports and coast cities which few Americans can fail to regard with other than a sense of humiliation.

Helplessness begets dependence of spirit, and the assertion of local and domestic interests, and the Republic declines among the Nations would alarm and almost paralyze business and drive capital at once into hiding.

This low National status is the inevitable fruit of the commercial policy which prevails in this country, and the only way to restore the Republic to its former position is to change this policy.

It is not a matter of party, but of principle. Freedom to party is not enough.

We love the Republican party and are proud of its history. It has saved the Nation. It has liberated the slave. It has put a curb on the National debt. It has restored our currency. It has reformed our civil service. It has re-echoed our money between North and South.

But a party must stand on its present record and not on its past history. The Republican party is worth nothing to us except as it represents our present principles and reform. If it comes to do this, the quiet, earnest patriots to whom we speak can not be expected to keep swinging its banners. When it is dead they will bury it. That is what must be done with corpses.

Blaine and Logan are fit comrades. They were the two most objectionable candidates before the convention, and it is natural that they should combine and conquer. They represent the self-seeking demagogical element, which uses a party for personal preferment.

No one suspects them of any earnestness for a single reform. They are not known as advocates of pure civil-service, of frugal expenditures of the public funds, or of the purification of political methods. On the other hand, they have the reputation of being shrewd and unscrupulous party distributors.

They are not men who have distinguished their success, have been the Star-owners of the West and the bumper of the East, whom Mr. Arthur flung away when he became President. We have no heart to go into Mr. Blaine's personal record, but we regard it as not that of a man who has any claim to a single reform. They are not known as advocates of pure civil-service, of frugal expenditures of the public funds, or of the purification of political methods.

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