

The Sentinel.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23.

A special commissioner of the Canadian authorities has been in Washington trying to ascertain the feeling of congress on the subject of reviving the old reciprocity treaty between that country and the United States.

The secretary of war has sent to the House a communication from the President of the Argentine Republic, requesting that four or six young men of that country, graduates of its military school, may be permitted to enter and pursue a course of study at the West Point military academy at the expense of the Argentine government.

A wet blanket has been thrown over the wild-cat method of building railroads by asking for state and congressional charters and subsidies.

Resolved, That it is not expedient to recommend to the House the granting of any charter of a railroad from state to state, unless satisfactory evidence shall be produced to the committee that capitalists are ready to subscribe for the full amount of the stock and proceed to construct the road forthwith.

It has occurred to the auditor of the state all the wealth of the state is not included in the taxables. By the 7th section of the assessment law, certain classes of property are exempt from taxation.

What the travels and labors of the transportation committee brought forth was presented to congress yesterday. Mr. Chairman, Windom, accompanied the report with a brief speech, stating the substance of said report, which is in favor of four great national routes of transportation.

Successive victories over the parties in Illinois have inspired the farmers with a courage which incites them to speak out whenever they choose.

social and business intercourse. Well, to show how things change, that country surprised itself a little while ago by turning its back on both parties, even though the party of one, which had polled itself for Fremont in 1856, had grown into a pretty big sized family, when the farmers stepped in to divide counsels.

That poor old farce with the rickety gags thrown in—the civil service reform—has been on the congress boards again. It is something the players never seem to tire of, although the country has grown weary of it for many a day.

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their friends, competing for appointments, have before brought to bear upon the departments in the direction of favoritism; they have diminished the intrigues and pressure, before too frequent, for causing the removal of worthy persons for the mere purpose of bringing other, perhaps inferior, persons into the service.

The atrocity of the New York Times in daring to insinuate anything wrong against the republican party still impresses the great and good Harlan. His paper dejectedly expostulates against such backsliding, and piteously protests that the republican party be saved from its friends.

We can not but think that the allusions to him in the Times are in very bad taste. The truth is, that the course of that paper, as recently developed, is more injurious to its friends than its enemies, and the great want in the city of New York is a reliable republican organ, whose power and influence will be used in building up the party, rather than denouncing those who stand in its front ranks.

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ing that one's own qualifications fit him for pre-eminence among his fellows, and to receive their preference. In the abstract, the idea is abhorrent to good taste and at variance with the speech and demeanor of men in good society everywhere.

Illinois is to hold a fish convention at Elgin on Tuesday of next week, May 5. The call is signed by thirteen prominent citizens who state their objects in the following language:

To collect and diffuse information calculated to contribute to its practical success, to encourage individual interests of fish culturists, to enlighten the public mind regarding the vast benefits that may accrue to the masses, and as a means leading the way to the restocking of our rivers, streams and inland waters, which have long since been depleted and rendered almost entirely barren of the finest food fish on the continent.

A few papers of this state have lately spoken very sharply against the law providing for county superintendency of schools. In a few counties the people have not been fortunate in the selection for that office, and consequently the results have not been satisfactory.

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The House committee on manufactures have proposed a bill, which will soon be introduced, to extend the duties of the chief of the bureau of statistics.

And it shall be the further duty of the chief, under the direction of the secretary of the treasury, to prepare and submit annually to congress a statement of the rates of wages paid to workmen employed in the leading industries of the United States.

Trade is also to collect statistics relating to the trade between the different states and territories, the quantities, value and kinds of freights transported over the railroads, canals, lakes and rivers, and also by sea and along the coast, etc.

Marriage by proxy is a very ordinary thing among kings and royal personages. In this country of republican simplicities young folks generally prefer going through the forms in person. One case, however, is reported from Bonaparte, Iowa, which fairly deserves general attention.

On June 18th, Oregon holds her state election. There are a governor and congressman to be selected, as well as a legislature. There are four tickets in the field.

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New York has been treating itself to a new state house for a year or two past. The estimate and the actual expense of this wonderful structure are confusingly unlike.

extent, and the evidence is strong that the state is to be swindled out of millions of dollars before the completion of the work. It may be remembered of men that Indiana has a company of patriots wrestling with the purpose of a new state-house, but what that mysterious company are doing surpasses the penetration of the press.

Mr. Face-both-ways Boutwell in his speech, yesterday, said that Mr. Sumner was not always a practical statesman. He meant undoubtedly by this that the late senator was so impractical as to have opinions and even to express them; that he did not see his way clear to contract and expand the currency at the same time; that he was so lacking in worldly wisdom as not to be able to support the enactment of a law, and to oppose its execution in the same breath, and, worst of all, that he was such a child in politics as to sometimes incur the enmity of others.

Mr. Charles W. Green, secretary of the Agricultural congress, has accepted an invitation to address the farmers of Monroe county at Bloomington, Indiana, on Saturday, May 9th, upon "The Real Issues Involved in the Farmers' Movement."

Oliver refuses to make faces at Conkling but says if the inflation scheme is finally foiled in congress, he and his folks will take the stump and make it an issue. He refuses to call Grant names. Now more considerate than in 1867, when he had no such scruple. He ambitiously says that the president misunderstood the intent of the inflation bill and that the next one will be signed; if not, then he will take the stump as he did when Johnson found a polly.

It is the Fort Wayne Sentinel which says lugubriously: There are some enterprising journals in this state whose daily prayer is for something to expose. Give them a chance and they will make short work with an unlicked city council or any thing else up to the Washington administration.

COMPTROLLER KNOX FOR THE RE-DISTRIBUTION OF NATIONAL BANK NOTES.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Letters addressed to representative Beck by Comptroller Knox, dated to-day, and read at the request of Mr. Beck in the house, call the attention of Mr. Beck to his statement of Friday, that the comptroller had represented to the president that four millions of national bank currency were not taken, where there were one hundred and twenty applicants for it, had deceived the president and held back the circulation to save \$25,000,000 to his friends in the east.

Which failed and are in liquidation are also to be assorted and returned to the comptroller for destruction, and immediately thereupon the amounts destroyed are to be reissued to banks in the west and south.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS. CLOSING SESSION OF THE SUPREME LODGE—ADOPTION OF THE NEW CONSTITUTION.

PITTSBURG, April 25.—The supreme lodge of the world of Knights of Pythias is still in session, but expect to cease its labors to-night. To-day several appeals were heard, amongst others those of Rathbone Lodge, No. 1, of New York, which was referred back to the grand lodge of that state.

Messrs. Jarrett & Palmer will open their first season at Booth's Theater about the 10th of August.