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The Samoan Islands are a small cluster in the Pacific Ocean about midway between the Sandwich Islands and New Zealand on a line from San Francisco. According to treaty stipulation the American and several other nations are bound to protect the islands in the right to rule themselves. The English government has signified its intention to co-operate with the United States in putting a stop to German aggression in Samoa if international law and treaty stipulations have been violated, and this may bring Germany to time in double-quick order and stop the war, which if the half is told, our government is bound to wage. Several men-of-war have been dispatched to the scene, but it will take six weeks for them to reach the islands. The matter is being thoroughly investigated by the war department and if it be found that the Germans have mistreated the Americans there and torn down and burned our flag as reported, very decisive measures will be resorted to. Secretary Bayard has a chance to send the administration out in a blaze of glory, and we trust he will be equal to the occasion. Gov. McCreary, chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, believes there is but little danger of war, as he thinks the German government after investigation will make all necessary apologies and indemnities.

FOURTEEN MILLION seems to be the favorite number of petitioners when you want Congress to do something. Senator Blair's Sunday Vest bill has that number and so did the W. C. T. U's. The bill will require everybody, railroads, newspapers, etc., to shut up shop willy nilly. The right of petition has always been recognized in our government, but the average petition isn't worth shucks. Many sign it without knowing what it is for, others to be obliging and still others to save the bother of an argument. A man should attach his name to one with the same hesitancy that he does to another's note, which he may have to pay, but unfortunately but few do. Believing the Bible when it says that the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath, we regard Blair's bill as we do most of his other conceptions, as the invention of a Pharisaical fanatic and crank.

THERE is nothing on earth equal to the watchful and tender care in sickness or accident of a devoted wife for the husband she loves. But it must be a sore trial for a wife to minister to the wants of a husband, whose misfortunes have come to him by reason of his falsity to her. The case of Virgil Wright, the Louisville merchant, who was shot by his mistress, and who has since hovered between life and death, is one in point. With a pretty wife, three healthy children and an apparently happy home, he wandered off after a woman of the town and she finally shot him almost to death when he didn't do exactly to suit her. If Mrs. Wright has filled the place of a loving wife during his anguish, she is better than human and fully entitled to the poet's eulogium of "a ministering angel."

THE Cincinnati Commercial makes the startling admission that democratic members of Congress are more reverent and respectful during the morning prayer than the republicans, who spend the time puffing cigars and examining their correspondence. The democrats nearly all rise and stand with bowed heads. The paper adds that the latter probably know they stand so much more in need of prayer and that the praying is mostly intended for them, that they are bound to be attentive. The real reason lies in the fact that the democrats are religiously raised gentlemen and always treat such matters with reverence and decorum.

OWING to an irregularity in the return of the Texas electoral vote, caused by the electors failing to sign their names on the envelope containing the result, Ingalls refused to receive it and the Lone Star State may be cut out entirely in the final count. But it doesn't matter much, further than it shows very remarkable stupidity on the part of the electors. If the New York electors and those in Indiana were to make such a mistake there might be some fun, but Texas counts on the wrong side of the balance sheet.

IT is given as a dead sure tip that Senator Allison has been tendered the treasury portfolio and that he will accept it. Blaine will have the first position so this settles two of the cabinet. But what's the use of the newspapers tearing their shirts about the matter? Harrison can't keep the secret more than 38 days longer and we for one can stand to wait.

THE Louisville school board decided 14 to 10 to abolish the teaching of German in the public schools after the expiration of the present session, and all the newspapers, save the Anzeiger, are happy. The board is heels over head in debt and this top-off will save \$30,000 a year.

THE Atlanta Constitution went to the useless trouble and expense of sending one of its editors away up to Columbus, O., to interview Little Breeches Foraker on the Southern question. He was quite glib with his tongue and said among other things that the only trouble is that the negro vote is suppressed in the South. But, until the trouble is removed, he says there can be neither peace nor prosperity—neither union nor brotherhood. If the shot gun policy of suppression is not used then charges of crime are trumped up against the negro and he is shut up in jail till after the election. Commenting on this paper says: "The trouble is, the negro vote is suppressed in Governor Foraker's mind, and not in the South. The cure, therefore, lies with him and not with us. There was not a negro in the State of Georgia who did not vote in November as freely as Governor Foraker did. He and his friends prefer to believe that the Southern whites are villains, the juries forsworn, the judges perjured and the whole system of law pernicious and oppressive. If he would only understand that the Southern whites are as honorable as the whites of the North—or even approximately so—he would very soon see light breaking through the clouds that now envelop him."

COL. PHILLIPS, of the Lebanon Standard, who has been carrying on a newspaper war with Col. Colgan, of the Pineville Messenger, has decided to give the public a rest by seeing if the editor-poet means business. In other words he has challenged him to mortal combat and the challenge is as follows: "We propose to Lieut.-Col. Colgan through these writings, which will be handed him by our friend, the Postmaster at Pineville, that we will throw rocks with him to a finish at a distance of 900 yards, the lieutenant-colonel standing in front of the Pineville Hotel and his antagonist in front of the nearest house thereto." Now is Colgan's chance to become the David of his day, by slaying the red-headed Goliath, who has slandered his "city."

ARRANGEMENTS for a fitting celebration of the one-hundredth anniversary of the inauguration of Gen. Washington as President of the United States are being made and the day promises to be a memorable one. It will occur April 30th and it has been arranged that the church bells all over the country shall ring to celebrate the event of one hundred years ago, when the church bells throughout the thirteen states rang out to call the people together to pray for the success and prosperity of the country under the administration of him, who was "first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

THE Senate tariff bill, concocted by the republicans to benefit the monopolists and pull the wool over the eyes of the ordinary tax-payer, passed that body Tuesday night by a strict party vote—32 to 30. There has been much time and much wind spent on the bill, but it will not become a law even if by any possible chance, not probable, enough democrats could be found in the House to give the republicans a majority, for Honest Grover Cleveland stands ready to throttle it with his veto and thus protect the cause of the people.

THE chairman of the Executive Committee of the Kentucky Press Association, Mr. Urey Woodson, announces in the Owensboro Messenger that the next meeting will convene the first Tuesday in June, and hints at a most attractive programme, which will be shortly announced. Mr. Woodson worked hard to have his city chosen as the place for the meeting and he is leaving nothing undone to make it one that the editors will always remember.

THE dead-lock in the West Virginia Senate was broken on the 129th ballot by the election of R. S. Carr president, a decided victory for the democrats and is a dead settler of the fraudulent claims of the opposition. The republicans no longer hoping to steal the governorship for Goff have nominated him for U. S. Senator, but a democrat will be elected. There is considerable opposition to Kenna, but this will probably subside and he will be re-elected.

THE Pullman Palace Car Co., has gobled up the Mann Bondair and the Woodruff Sleeping Car companies and now has a monopoly in the business. It is to be hoped, however, that it will not put up lodging higher than \$2 a night, though if it has the inclination the people who patronize them will have to dance to the music.

AN interviewer asked Blaine, "Will you be our next Secretary of State?" who responded, "That question can be better answered at Indianapolis." The plumed knight is entirely too modest. He knows that all he has to do is to fiddle and his man Harrison will dance.

IF Fairchild keeps on he may have the N. Y. Custom House manned by democrats by the time they will have to walk the plank. An administration which has waited four years to turn the rascals out hardly deserves more than it got.

A young fellow in Fleming county drank three pints of a strong decoction of wild cherry bark to cure his consumption. In a few hours his cough was entirely stopped; likewise his breath, death had done its work.

JUDOR MONROE at Frankfort has decided in the Tate suits that the State cannot recover on the bonds of 1884 and '86, on the ground that a final settlement with the treasurer by the proper officers relinquishes the State's claim to liability on the sureties for those years. This only leaves the years of 1882 and '88 to be disposed of and they will probably go out the same way when the case comes up next month. We fear it will be a very diminutive sum that the State will realize from the huge steal of "Honest Dick Tate," who should have had the word "thief" branded on his forehead, instead of being allowed to wear such an appellation.

LT. GOV. BRYAN, who is acting governor or while the old man goes after his young wife, who is visiting her former home in Richmond, Va., has signed the death warrant of Monroe Wilkerson, for killing Berry Marion, another negro, who asked him to behave himself in a more orderly manner, at a church at Scottsville. The date of the execution is Mar. 23d. It was the first paper of the kind the young "governor" ever signed, but it is to be hoped it is not his last if the cases come up. There are enough murderers in the State, who ought to be hung, to keep him signing several days.

THE Minnesota Legislature has postponed the election of a U. S. Senator, to investigate the charges of bribery against the republican candidates, Sabin and Washburn, and the news comes that possibly the honest republicans will unite with the democrats and elect a man upon whose skirts there is no suspicion of fraud. It is said that some of the members were offered government positions, others \$1,000 and so on by both Sabin and Washburn. LATER. The latter was elected.

NO LADIES, the Hull, who is manipulating a pig iron combine in Louisville, is not the amicable and popular Col. W. M. Hull, who writes "In and About Kentucky" in the Courier-Journal. The colonel does not know pig iron from any other kind of pig and of combines or any other wickedness, he is as innocent as a spring lamb. When not wielding his facile pen he puts in his spare time studying for the ministry, one would judge from his writings.

THE negroes all over the country who have heard of Malone's interview were intensely indignant and at Atlanta they have gotten up a monster petition asking Harrison to keep him out of his cabinet. Some of the more radical white republicans are also very much wrought up over the utterances.

WANAMAKER, who gave many thousands to bribe voters for Harrison while he pays his sewing women only 15 cents a day, is evidently in for P. M. General or Secretary of the Navy. He was in Indianapolis Wednesday and that is what is telegraphed from there.

ONE Congress and 26 legislatures are making laws for the people. Let us be unfeignedly thankful that Kentucky is among the list of the few states that are spared the infliction. Ours does not convene, P. T. L., till the last week in 1889.

THE News promises "Sweet Owen" to James G. Givens for lieutenant governor. As the county is nearly solidly democratic, "our candidate" has a pretty good start in the race, if he decides to make it.

MARRIAGE has certainly not proved a failure—to multiply and replenish the earth in the case of a couple living in Bracken county. They are just celebrating the arrival of their 20th son.

NEWS CONDENSED.

—Senator Beck is in Cuba. His health is much improved.
—A earthquake destroyed 300 houses in a town of Asiatic Turkey.
—Gov. Underwood has left Kentucky permanently to settle at Columbus, O.
—St. Paul's Grand Opera House burned Monday. It cost \$200,000; insured for \$75,000; nobly hurt.
—A freight ran into a passenger train at Harrodsburg Wednesday, doing much damage, but hurting no one.
—Senators McPherson in New Jersey and Coke in Texas have been re-elected, the latter without opposition.
—Attila Cox has gathered in \$25,000,000 during his 3 1/2 years as Collector of Internal Revenue at Louisville.
—Senator Hawley, of Connecticut, who is 63, is fondling his first-born. He married a noted war nurse about a year ago.
—Owen, the last of "old Jno. Brown's" sons, but one, died at Pasadena, Cal., where he had been living the life of a hermit.
—Five counterfeiters who have flooded the mountains with bogus half dollars and nickels have been arrested in Estill county.
—John Wanamaker did not go to France as stated, but to Indianapolis instead, it is said by invitation of the President elect.
—Two men were killed, one fatally injured and several others badly hurt by an explosion in a mine shaft at Nanticoke, Pa., yesterday.
—Although there were a dozen ladies were candidates for the place, the Indiana democrats have nominated a man for State librarian.
—Both Houses of the Arkansas Legislature have instructed their Representatives and Senators in Congress to fight the Blair Educational bill.

—A giddy Baptist preacher, the Rev. Lem G. Savage, of Celina, Tenn., got tiered of his wife and eloped with a younger and prettier widow.

—Senator Dolph has been re-elected from Oregon, but there are not ten men in Kentucky who could have told he had ever been elected before.

—The democratic caucus of the N. J. legislature decided to pass a bill for the repeal of the local option law, and to let the high license law stand as it is.

—Attachment suits have been filed against W. H. Proving, at Jellico, and application made to the courts to set aside the sale of his property, recently noted.

—Col. Sam South, the oldest son of Col. Jere South, who was once the lessee of the penitentiary, and a political power in the State, died in Franklin county, aged 53.

—John D. Robinson, who is charged with committing a rape in Taylor, was only saved from a mob by strategy and was afterwards taken to Louisville for safe keeping.

—George A. Pearce, of Mobile, Secretary of the Planters and Merchants Insurance Co., has skipped with \$50,000. He worked the religious dodge and was not suspected.

—Three years ago Peter Tilton, of New Hampshire disappeared. This week his remains were found in the woods hanging to a tree. The clothing alone held the skeleton together.

—E. T. Brown, a capitalist, formerly of Lexington, Ky., was killed with a carpin and robbed of a \$1,000 diamond and other valuables in a short distance of his home at Wichita, Kas.

—The murderer Hawes, who killed his wife and two children at Birmingham and on whose account nearly a score of people were killed, has been indicted for each offense.

—F. E. McGarrin, the Remington expert, wrote 89 words a minute for five minutes on his machine at Cincinnati Tuesday. The copy was not selected either, being unfamiliar legal testimony.

—Robbers stopped the fast train out of Cincinnati Tuesday night and attempted to enter the express car, but the messenger opened fire on them and they "holed" it away. It occurred only 3 miles from Ludlow.

—It is now proposed that the United States shall buy the peninsula of Lower California from Mexico at a price of \$20,000,000. The figure is not considered large, for the advent of the Southern Pacific road at the coast has made it most valuable property.

—The grading on the new Louisville Southern line from Lawrenceburg to Lexington has been begun and the iron work for the bridge across the Kentucky river has already been received. The right-of-way has been obtained nearly the entire distance.

—Patrick Bradley, a married man, who was arrested last week, charged with assaulting little girls, whom he enticed into lonely places in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, was yesterday convicted and sentenced to 29 years and 8 months imprisonment.

—The reports of the bridge disaster at Spotsville were overdrawn. Only one man was killed and three wounded. Twenty men were thrown into the river but they were rescued more scared than hurt. The boss who was treating the court's injunction with contempt has vanquished.

—A cablegram from New Zealand says the German war ship Eber, which left Samoa on the 13th, arrived the 21st. The officers declare that the statements regarding the alleged tearing down of American flags, burning of houses of Americans and firing on British officers are unfounded.

—Charles Tinkler, the Cincinnati youth who forged checks to the amount of several thousands of dollars and got the money, has been sentenced to five years in the pen. He was captured in London, where he was cutting a wide swath, with a girl he claimed to be his wife, also of Cincinnati.

—An effort having been made to secure a portrait of Mrs. Cleveland for the White House, the President writes "Fully appreciating the kindness intended, I have to say that both of us are so opposed to the project that you could not show us greater consideration than by an entire abandonment of the scheme."

—Jack, the Ripper, has transferred the scene of his operations to Kingston, Jamaica, where he has just murdered and mutilated the bodies of three prostitutes after the manner of the London outrages. To the body of the last woman found was pinned a slip of paper, on which was written, "Fourteen more and I quit. Jack, the Ripper."

—A dispatch from Harrodsburg says that Mrs. William Payne, the wife of one of the wealthiest and best citizens, fell and broke her leg at the hip. On account of her advanced age and size, it is thought she cannot get well. She is the mother-in-law of Rev. W. P. Harvey, of the Baptist Recorder, of Louisville. She weighs nearly 300 pounds.

—The fellow who was arrested in Menefee county for Tassett after being severely shot, went to Mercer after getting well and under the name of Charles Dickson wood and won Miss Mand Bonta, to whom he was to have been married the very day a detective arrested him as an escaped Tennessee convict and lodged him in jail. He is said to be a son of Dr. Hanley, a reputable physician of Lewisburg, W. Va.

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