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It is proposed to reserve 800,000 acres of the public lands in the United States to be used by the Government in building reservoirs of water to irrigate arid lands.

MARSHALL & BRUCE, who have for years published the directory of the city of Nashville, Tenn., have made an offer to take a census of the city for \$1,000. The complaint there is that the Federal census falls 8,000 or 10,000 short.

CONGRESSMAN ENLOE, of Jackson, Tenn., district is after Tom Reed's pension committee with a big stick, and he will play smash with Ransom's little "pension shop" ere he gets through. Cooper and Enloe are great "hosses."—Waverly Times-Journal.

The office-holders in the Tennessee Republican convention got a brief and stereotyped indorsement of Dr. Harrison's administration into the platform. This must have been gall and worm-wood to the Nashville crowd of disappointed pie hunters that some time ago turned the doctor's picture to the wall.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

RECENT expressions of James G. Blaine on important national questions has brought him prominently forward as the probable candidate of the Republican party for President in 1892. This makes it look very much like we will have Cleveland and Blaine again as opponents for the first office in the gift of the people. If such a thing should take place, the next Presidential campaign will be soul-stirring. Both the great parties will exert themselves as never before, and popular excitement will run higher than ever known in the history of the country.

MARSH COOK, a widely known Mississippi Republican, and an ex-candidate for Congress, was found dead in Jasper County with eighteen buck-shot in him. He was a candidate to the constitutional convention, and has been making some very incendiary speeches. His chief desire was to arouse all prejudices between the two races, and it is said he had been repeatedly warned to leave the country. He was considered a fire-brand by both the white Republicans and negroes, and his end was a surprise to but few.—Jackson (Tenn.) Tribune and Sun.

DURING his speech accepting the temporary chairmanship of the convention, ex-Congressman Zack Taylor said, referring to the recent Democratic convention which he declared was controlled by the Alliance:

"It was but the initiatory movement to lock up the food products and unduly inflate the currency and injure the very men who seek relief through these measures."

Did the Republican convention, through its leaders or in its platform, make any effort whatever to give any relief to the farmers? The convention failed absolutely to mention the subject at all.—Nashville American.

MR. LEWIS T. BAXTER, the Republican nominee for Governor of this State, is president of the Commercial Club, of Nashville, and as such, it appears, pledged himself on several occasions not to accept the nomination of his party if it was coupled with an indorsement of the force bill. But the platform on which he stands does indorse that infamous measure, in an indirect way it is true, but nevertheless in terms that can not be mistaken. Now it is for Mr. Baxter to reconcile himself with himself and tell the people of the State how he can, being the president of a club established for the purpose of inviting immigration and capital to the State, accept the nomination of the Republican party for Governor on a platform which indorses a bill which, if it becomes a law, will induce disquiet, unsettle values, and disorganize the trade and business of the whole South. Mr. Baxter, before he takes the stump to meet Buchanan, had better make up his mind on these points and be ready with an explanation.—Memphis Commercial.

GENERAL NEWS.

Three convicts from Gibson County, Tenn., were received at the State prison last week.

Cholera is epidemic in Mecca. There have been thirteen cases, seven of which have been fatal.

Rev. Lee Harris, the well-known cow-boy evangelist, is holding revival meetings at Bell Buckle, Tenn.

The city clerk of Paris, Ill., is said to be short from \$5,000 to \$10,000 in his accounts, and has fled.

Mr. S. C. Freeman, former editor of the Dickson, (Tenn.) Democrat, died at that place, of pneumonia, July 25.

The Irish member of parliament, William O'Brien, will lecture in this country this fall in the interest of the Irish cause.

There is a woman at Sedalia, Mo., who becomes thoroughly charged with electricity every time she rides on the electric cars.

The Tennessee Range Company, which recently removed its plant from Nashville to Evansville, Ind., has made an assignment.

Will Vinson, of Bon Air, Tenn., was seriously if not fatally injured by falling from a moving passenger train at Dickson last week.

Tom Hensley has been sentenced to one year in the penitentiary for shooting John Murphy, near Perryville, Tenn., a few weeks since.

A white man, named A. W. Cawthorn, was arrested and placed in jail at McMinnville, Tenn., Friday evening charged with barn burning.

The body of Richard Payne, who was drowned July 30, at Hartsville, Tenn., was recovered after expending twenty-one dynamite cartridges.

Stephen King, tinner, fell from the roof of a building at Jackson, Tenn., Saturday, and broke his left thigh in two places, and is seriously hurt.

Drs. J. W. McCall, W. M. Wright, and J. B. Cox, of Huntingdon, have been appointed a medical examining board for the examination of pensioners.

The House Committee of Post-Offices and Post-Roads authorized Chairman Bingham to report favorably, without amendment, the Fry postal subsidy bill.

The police of Chicago made a raid upon the gambling-house operated by John Condon last Saturday, and destroyed over \$3,000 worth of gambling outfits.

Four hundred of the Armenians who took part in the riotous demonstrations against the patriarch in the Armenian cathedral at Constantinople Sunday have been arrested.

An explosion of fire-damp occurred in the Pellisier coal mine at St. Etienne, France, causing the death of over one hundred miners. About fifty others were terribly burned.

Thirty-nine people, two of whom were females and twelve colored, participated in the civil service examination at Chattanooga, Tenn., Saturday. Their work was fairly satisfactory to the examiners.

The house of Joseph Hutto, a farmer living in a sparsely settled section of the country, near Plainview, Neb., was burned on Wednesday of last week. A four-year-old daughter perished in the flames.

The dwelling house with all its contents, belonging to Mart Kendall, near Mount Lebanon, Decatur County, was burned last week. None of the family were at home at the time and the origin of the fire is a mystery.

Capt. W. B. Vancleave, ex-county superintendent of Henry County, Tenn., has withdrawn from the race for representative in that county, owing to sickness in his family. This leaves the race to Hurt, Anderson, Miller, and Cook.

News has reached Jackson, Miss., that state senator John W. Cutter, who is also a delegate-elect to the constitutional convention from Coahoma County, shot and fatally wounded Freedland Chew, editor of the New Coahomian at Friars Point.

John Morrison, living in the seventeenth district of Montgomery County, Tenn., had 2 tons of clover hay destroyed by lightning last Saturday, during what was pronounced by observers to be one of the heaviest rains they ever witnessed.

News has been received at Victoria, B. C., of the seizure of the Seattle schooner, George S. White, by the United States customs agent at Oumalaska. The White neglected to keep a copy of the bond that she would not take fire-arms into Alaska.

Millions of cotton caterpillars have invaded the fields in sections of Texas, and planters and farmers are busy poisoning them. They are reported in great numbers along the Brazos River, and it may be that the cotton crop will be seriously injured.

Among the immigrants who arrived at New York one day last week, was a male infant sixteen months old, sent from Ireland to his mother in this country, in charge of an Irish immigrant. The passengers on the steamer raised a purse of \$100 for him.

The Slavonia, a German steamship, recently encountered a small iceberg in latitude 48 degrees 53 minutes north, longitude 24 degrees 11 minutes west, which is said to be the furthest east that ice has ever been encountered in the transatlantic steamship routes.

At Sand Creek stone quarry, 2 miles south of Greensburgh, Ind., a 12-horse power engine boiler exploded. John Pugh was killed instantly, and engineer Ed. Wallace was badly scalded and bruised and can not recover. Five other men, cutters, were more or less injured.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary has practically concluded its consideration of the bill for the relief of the Supreme Court, and will report it to the Senate shortly. The committee will recommend a substitute for the House bill creating an intermediate appellate court.

A report comes from Mississippi City, Miss., that Abner Breeland, a well-known resident of that county, was shot and killed at his home near the above place, last Saturday by his son. It is reported that Mr. Breeland was beating his wife, the boy's mother, at the time of the shooting.

Late Thursday evening of last week as Jesse Knight tried to climb on a swift moving freight train at Tracy City, Tenn., he slipped and fell between the wheels. The entire train passed over his head, crushing it horribly and killing him instantly. He was a miner and only seventeen years old.

The term of the criminal court in Davidson County, Tenn., which ended last week was particularly severe on all methods of gambling, and the proprietors of the many crap and poker rooms in Nashville breathed more freely when the grand jury was discharged, but the city authorities are taking a hand in the matter and a number of the most public games have been raided several times during the past week.

A terrible wreck occurred at Obion Station, Tenn., on the Newport News and Mississippi Valley Railroad last Friday. A passenger train at full speed ran into a switch on which stood a freight train, demolishing both engines and tearing the cars from the trucks. The conductor, mail agent, engineer, and a brakeman were injured, the conductor seriously, and the porter of the Pullman car is thought to be fatally injured.

The vote cast throughout Mississippi was very light and the election was quiet. There was no opposition to the fourteen Democratic nominees to the constitutional convention for the State at large, and the Democratic local nominees were not opposed. In as many as half a dozen counties ex-Governor Alcorn and ex-Chief Justice Simrall, the two leading Republicans of the State, were placed on the Democratic ticket and elected.

The present drought is very extensive. The crops in many States are very seriously damaged, and unless they have rain within the next ten days, will be almost a total failure. Pastures have dried out, and new hay is being fed to stock to keep them from starving. This is a serious drawback on farmers having stock.

A. M. McCulloch, an employe in the Southern Express Company's office at Memphis, Tenn., has been arrested for stealing packages containing money. He claims that a deficit of over \$200 occurred in his accounts in a manner unknown to him, and he took the money packages to gamble on, hoping to gain enough to replace the entire deficit.

Two young men, one by the name of Flack and the other by the name of Harbison, engaged in a fight at a protracted meeting near Newbern, Tenn., last Friday evening. Flack hurt his antagonist pretty badly, so much so that a physician had to be summoned to attend him. There was an old grudge existing between them, and they undertook to settle it at the church.

A peculiar case is reported from Spring Creek, in Madison County, Tenn. On Thursday evening of last week Mrs. Mandy Woods retired as usual in good health, and when awakened Friday morning it was discovered that she had been stricken blind during the night. She has not been able to see anything since that time. Physicians there can not account for it.

Advices from Denver, Colo., state that mine experts who recently arrived there from the Oklahoma country report that gold fields of marvelous richness have been found in the Cheyenne Reservation, about one hundred miles north of Greer County, Tex. The Indians jealously guard the place, and it is almost impossible for a white man to get into that country and get out alive.

The supreme court of Georgia has confirmed the sentence of Tom Walfolk to be hanged for the atrocious murder of nine of his relatives in as many minutes. On the night of August 6, 1887, Walfolk, who is an overgrown boy, killed with an axe his father, step-mother, six children, and an old lady visitor. No one saw the deed—Walfolk being convicted on circumstantial evidence alone.

A wild, naked man has frightened men and kept the women and children in the house in the section along the borders of Lancaster and Berks counties, Pa., and at least three attempts have been made to capture him, but without avail. A farmer tried to coax the nude man into his market wagon for the purpose of driving him to the county hospital, but the creature struck him with a stick, and the farmer was glad to drive on without him. The man weighs about 185 pounds, has a reddish beard, is tanned quite brown, and has trod the highways like a shadow, sleeping in the woods. There is an earnest demand on the part of the people that the county constable capture the man.

South American provinces are assuming a war-like attitude, and in Central America war has been declared between San Salvador and Guatemala. Information received concerning the actual situation in the two latter countries is very conflicting. Civil war exist in Buenos Ayres. Several months ago, as our readers will remember, Emperor Dom Pedro, of Brazil, was dethroned and banished from that country, and a provisional government set up until a republican form of government could be regularly established. The outcome is civil war, and no conjecture can, at this time, be made as to the result. It is more than likely that the entire South American states will become embroiled in a general war, and Mexico may be drawn into the strife. According to the latest dispatches, the rebellion in Brazil is ended. For want of ammunition the rebels laid down their arms and surrendered. It is reported that in the last battle fought the Salvadorians defeated the enemy.

Talk of Bloodshed.

[Birmingham Age-Herald.]

William R. Moore, of Memphis, has written the New York Press a letter advocating the passage of the force bill and abusing the southern whites. Mr. Moore is the proprietor of a big dry goods store, dependent entirely on southern patronage. Among other things he says:

"I am aware that United States Senator Pugh and the lesser lights of his party insist that if a law shall be passed which will undertake to protect every lawfully qualified American citizen in the casting of one honest vote, 'there will be bloodshed,' and I would reply in great respect and earnestness, that if American citizens of every name, class, and party can not get their constitutional rights without it there ought to be bloodshed. There should be, and there must be established a policy which each and every citizen—not merely Republican, not Democrat—shall be forced to respect in the casting and counting of lawful votes."

Mr. Moore before the war was the most rampant secessionist and since the close of the great struggle he has been an ultra Republican.

He is regarded as a ridiculous sort of character where he is best known, and therefore his ravings, to a great extent, go unnoticed.

But Mr. Moore is the proprietor of a big dry goods house dependent on southern patronage for support. If he wants a force election bill, even at the cost of bloodshed, we don't see how he can reasonably claim this patronage.

We don't believe in the boycott under any circumstances and don't advise it, but if there are other dry goods stores in Memphis as good as that kept by Mr. Moore we don't see why the southern trade should give him preference.

The Convention in Tennessee.

[National Democrat.]

We congratulate the Democrats of Tennessee on the result of their State convention, and we congratulate the farmers of Tennessee on the fact that they are such excellent Democrats. If it is the wish of the Democratic farmers of every State in the Union to nominate and elect the Governor thereof, we shall be pleased to see them carry out their purpose, provided the farmer who is nominated and elected is in every case a Democrat. There should not be in any section of the United States the slightest antagonism between the Democratic party and the farmers, and if such antagonism anywhere exists it can not be the fault of the Democratic party.

It was more directly in the interest of the farmers than of any other portion of our people that the Democratic party, under the leadership of Mr. Cleveland, made the great contest for tariff reform in 1888? It is for the farmers, even more than for anybody else, that this contest has been carried thus far and is to be continued hereafter. Under these circumstances it can not seem otherwise than unnatural that farmers in any part of the country should lead assistance to any movement that is hostile to the Democratic party. For the sake of tariff reform; for the sake of extension of the currency on sound principles; for the sake of honest government; for the defeat of the Federal election bill—for all these objects their fealty to the Democratic organization should not be weakened or rendered doubtful. If they believe that these objects can be more readily attained by a farmers' organization co-operating with the Democratic party and squaring itself at all times with the great principles of the Democratic party, by all means let them organize and push on the good work.

This is what has happened in Tennessee. It is what should happen everywhere.

At the request of the Democrats of the eleventh ward of Wilmington, Del., ex-Secretary of State Thomas F. Bayard will attend the convention as delegate from that ward.