

GOSSIP OF THE UNIVERSITY.

The Board of Regents Still Working On Routine Matters.

A Heavy Demand for Places in the Faculty - Differences Between President Goodknight and the Faculty Regarding Discipline Have Resulted in Strained Relations - Dr. Goodknight Will Have Something to Say When the Regents Reach the Charges Made Against Him - Dr. Riker Again an Applicant - Republican Ring of Monongalia County Against Dr. Myers - A Fight on Prof. Hartigan and Prof. Johnson. Presbyterian Hall to be Established - Weather Not Promising. Gov. Atkinson and Staff at Morgantown.

Morgantown, W. Va., June 8.—All reports concerning the action of the Board of Regents of the State University, in the matter of changes in the faculty of that institution, are mere speculation. The Board has been devoting its attention to the regular routine of business, and so far has proceeded in a systematic and thorough manner. The finance committee, for example, has spent several days in auditing the accounts, approximating two thousand in number, and has not yet completed its work. Two of the three committees appointed have concluded the consideration of the work assigned to them, and presented their reports to the Board.

There are many interesting rumors, however, some of them based on tangible facts. The impression that wholesale removals are to be made, appears to be general, as the actual number of applications for place reaches nearly two hundred. In many instances, however, the wish is father to the thought. That some changes will be made in the faculty, is extremely probable, but the Board will move cautiously. The Regents will be actuated in this by political discretion, if not by a desire to legislate for the best interests of the University. There has not yet been an evidence of partisan action, and there are many who firmly believe that if the Board makes any removals on political grounds, they will not be made at the present session.

Dr. Goodknight, who has been President for two years, is slated for removal. It is charged that he is incompetent, and that he has made some very grave blunders in the conduct of the institution. Dr. Goodknight will have something to say when the matter is brought up. At the meeting of the Regents last June, some orders were given as to discipline, and Dr. Goodknight alleges that the faculty did not sustain him in his efforts to carry out the wishes of the Board. The Board, at a special meeting held in Charleston, censured the faculty, and placed the matter of discipline at the University in the hands of Dr. Goodknight, the Dean of the Agricultural College, and the military instructor. It is said by friends of the President that the faculty have since been very sore, and have been putting Prof. Reynolds forward for the Presidency.

Prof. Reynolds is not understood to be an active candidate for the place, but is being mentioned frequently. He will probably be the nominal head of the University in the event that Dr. Goodknight is removed, and a successor is not elected. Prof. E. M. Turner has a host of warm friends, and they are active in his behalf, arguing that he was unjustly treated in being removed, and that his election at this time would do a wrong, and would place at the head of the institution a man who is eminently fitted for the position. Rev. Dr. A. B. Riker, of Charleston, formerly of Wheeling, is also said to be a candidate, and he is supposed to have the endorsement of Governor Atkinson. Friends of Dr. Riker are of opinion that for his declaration before the Board against the annual military ball, he would have been chosen two years ago. They add that he opposes such frivolities on principle, but that he would simply lend no encouragement to the ball. Dr. Fairchild, who is another candidate, was till recently President of the Kansas Agricultural College.

The Republican ring in Monongalia county has been most active in clamoring for the removal of Dr. John A. Myers from the position of Director of the Experimental Station. Dr. Myers's principal offense is that he is a Democrat and has the courage of his convictions. His work in the Agricultural College has been invaluable, and farmers throughout the State appreciate the fact. Ex-State Senator Stewart, who was also a member of the last Board of Regents and is an alumnus of the University, would like to step into Dr. Myers's shoes, and the fact that he is a brother-in-law of Regent Geo. C. Sturgis is regarded by his friends as giving a brighter tinge to his candidacy. C. C. Brown, of Charleston, President of the State Board of Agriculture, is also a candidate for this place. Both Stewart and Brown have been here for a week. The fact that

UNION OF FIRE WORKS.

Stock Ruined, Building Guttled and Many Persons Injured.

A Match Carelessly Dropped in M. Shure's Fireworks Factory, in Chicago, Does Immense Damage. Rockets, Candles and Other Explosives Set Off - The Shock Broke All the Glass in the Square and Hurlled Missiles in All Directions - List of Injured.

Chicago, June 8.—A match carelessly dropped by one of the workmen in the fire works factory of M. Shure, at the corner of West Van Buren and Halsted streets, caused a terrific explosion a few minutes after 6 o'clock to-night. It was shortly after the closing time of the factory and many of the workmen had gone home, otherwise the loss of life must have been very heavy. As it was, a number of the employees were badly hurt and the flying rockets and candles struck several people who were passing on street cars and on the sidewalks. Following is the list of the injured:

Mrs. Maggie Kenny, struck by a runaway horse, bruised and cut; Miss Minnie Theuey, bruised and cut; M. Shure, proprietor fireworks factory, badly cut by glass; George Grant, cut by glass; Mrs. Kate Grant, cut by glass; Obin Lemper, cut on head by falling beam; Fred A. Stiles, motorman on passing cable car, severely bruised and cut by being thrown from his car; Andrew Lawson, conductor on same train, bruised by being thrown from car; C. N. Smith, cut by glass while walking on the street; Philip Shohard, struck in back by sky rocket while on the opposite side of the street; unconscious and badly hurt; J. F. Harris, cut by glass; Edward Hayes, passenger on cable car, head cut by falling glass; Samuel Brasnik, tailor, jumped from Balcony, leg broken; John Beckward, back cut; Wm. Blaha, injured by a runaway horse; Max Brasnik, spine injured by fall; Patrick Hussey, struck by a falling beam and several ribs fractured; Unknown boy, run over by Fire Chief Swenle's buggy; Oscar Behlke, clerk for Yondorf Bros., struck by falling wall, not seriously; C. Gordon, hurled through a plate glass window into a saloon, badly cut. The following were slightly injured by flying glass, but all are expected to recover: Nellie Burke, Peter Bullett, Ludwig Zisow, Frank Hicke, Charles Cardiff, Alpha Jones.

The force of the explosion was so great that nearly all the windows in the block were demolished and the Shure building, which is a four-story structure, was badly damaged. Immediately following the explosion the building was ablaze from cellar to roof, and the fire department had a desperate struggle before it succeeded in extinguishing the flames. The building was almost entirely destroyed by the fire, however, and such portions of the large stock of fireworks as had not been scattered throughout the neighborhood by the explosion were destroyed, causing a heavy loss to Shure.

The explosion caused a wild panic in that portion of the town for a time, and the wildest stories were current regarding the number of killed and wounded. It happened at a time when the streets were crowded with people on their way to their homes, and the street cars which pass the front of the building every minute, were densely crowded with passengers. They flying missiles from the factory struck a number of people on the cars, and one who was gazing into a store window fully 400 feet distant, had his attention suddenly attracted to other matters by a rocket which hit him squarely in the back. He fell to the sidewalk unconscious and was carried to the hospital before he was able to give his name. The majority of those injured have received but trifling hurts and will be around within a day or two. The loss to the building and contents is estimated at \$60,000.

TORONTO SCHOOLS.

Special to the Register. Toronto, Ohio, June 8.—The Board of Education last night re-elected A. Grove superintendent of the schools here at the old salary. The entire corps of teachers were also re-elected with the exception of the principal of Fosterville school, Prof. S. A. Harbourn, and principal of the Coffeerville, Kansas, high school, being elected to his position.

STEPHEN A. DOUGLASS'S SISTER.

Clifton Springs, N. Y., June 8.—Mrs. Sarah Granger, widow of the late Julian N. Granger, and sister of Stephen A. Douglass, the Democratic leader of ante-war days, died at her home near here to-day, aged 86 years. She was postmistress here under President Arthur.

NOMINATED BY M'KINLEY.

Washington, June 8.—The President to-day sent the following nomination to the Senate: Justice—Henry M. Hoyt, of Pennsylvania, to be assistant Attorney General.

SILVER REPUBLICANS MEET.

The Provisional National Committee Gathers at Chicago.

A Patriotic Address Delivered by Ex-Congressman Towne—Thirty-Two States Represented by Delegates and Over a Hundred Other Silver Republicans Present—Hon. J. B. Menoger, of West Virginia, Made Secretary of the Committee - Arrangements for a Thorough Organization.

Chicago, June 8.—Thirty-two States were represented at the first meeting of the provisional committee of the National Silver Republican party, which met in executive session at the Leland Hotel to-day. Besides the committeemen of the various States represented over a hundred silver Republicans were present from all parts of the country.

The States represented were: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming and West Virginia.

Promptly at one o'clock the committee was called to order by ex-Congressman Charles A. Towne, of Minnesota. Chairman Towne in calling the committee to order, said in part: I give you greeting upon the auspicious opening of this conference, and congratulate you and the great cause wherein we are engaged that so numerous and representative a body of men has gathered from a large majority of the States and Territories to participate in the first general council of the silver Republican party of the United States. We are happy also to welcome the inspiring presence of a delegation representing the bi-metallic organization of the women of the country whose sympathies are enlisted as ever in behalf of justice and humanity.

After referring briefly to the circumstances attending and the motives instigating the inception of the movement he spoke of the organization of the provisional national committee at the suggestion of the Republican Senators and Congressmen. Continuing he said:

"Our motives were these: We desire above all things else of immediate political concern the speedy re-establishment in the United States of true bimetallicism; the same privilege of free coinage at the mint for both gold and silver and absolute equality between them in all money power, when coined, with the option to every payer, whether the government or an individual, to choose what coin shall be the basis of payment in every instance. We wished to do all in our power to advance this happy consummation, and we realize that if this great cause is to succeed in the elections of 1898 and 1900 it can do so only through the addition to the allied armies of 6,000,000 that followed the banner of the joint standard in 1896 of at least some hundreds of thousands of the Republicans of that contest.

"We have other plans or may have, and we believe in other things also; but the restoration of silver as basic or primary money along with gold is the first and engrossing object of our activity, and shall remain so until the crescent of promise shall have rounded into the full orb of success.

RAW COTTON

Placed Upon the Tariff List for First Time in Tariff History.

Washington, June 8.—By the decisive vote of 42 to 19 the Senate to-day adopted an amendment to the tariff bill placing raw cotton, the great product of the South, on the dutiable list at 20 per cent. ad valorem. It is the first time in the history of tariff legislation that a duty on cotton has been incorporated in a bill.

The amendment was proposed by Mr. Bacon (Dem., Ga.) on his individual responsibility and without the approval of the finance committee, which thus far has been requisite to the success of every amendment except a minor one, which went through by default.

The amendment led to a spirited debate, Democratic Senators disclosing a wide difference of views and at times exchanging sharp personal criticisms. On the final vote six Democrats, Bacon and Clay, of Georgia; McEnery, of Louisiana; McLaurin and Tillman, of South Carolina, and Rawlins, of Utah, voted with the Republicans for the Bacon amendment, while the negative vote was solidly Democratic, with one exception, Kyle, Populist. The debate on cotton took up most of the day and but little progress was made on the bill. Early in the day the sugar schedule was passed over and the agricultural schedule taken up. The paragraph on cattle went over, but the balance of the agricultural schedule up to and including paragraph 228, was agreed to as reported, all amendments except that of Mr. Bacon's being rejected.

THE NEXT QUESTION.

If Ruiz Was Murdered, What Will the United States Do About It?

Washington, June 8.—Assistant Secretary Day said to-day that the report of Consul General Lee upon the results of the investigation made in Havana in the Ruiz case had not yet been received at the State Department. Consequently it was not possible to learn whether the publications purporting to be copies of the report were accurate. Assuming, however, that the Consul General's conclusions are correctly set forth, in brief that Ruiz died while in jail in violation of his treaty rights, the question before the department of the largest importance is, what shall be the next step. The wife of Ruiz has filed with the department a claim for \$150,000 for the death of her husband. The Spanish contention has been that he was not killed and that he was not treated harshly.

THE SPANISH MISSION.

The Cabinet Spends Several Hours Discussing It—Calhoun May Accompany McKinley to Nashville.

Washington, June 8.—The cabinet meeting to-day lasted longer than usual. The Cuban situation was discussed in a general way, but the most important subject presented was the Spanish mission. The availability of three men for this important post at Madrid was carefully canvassed, but no decision was reached. One of the cabinet officers said after the meeting that the selection was still open and will now go over until the President's return from the Nashville trip. It may be that the non-appearance of Mr. Calhoun may have had something to do with postponing action to-day. If Mr. Calhoun does not have an opportunity for a talk with the President before Mr. McKinley's departure at noon tomorrow, he will be invited to accompany the President on his trip. A berth has been reserved on the train to be placed at his disposal in case he joins the Presidential party.

ONLY A BOY

But He Has Kentucky Blood in His Veins and When His Father Whipped Him, He Took Awful Revenge.

Louisville, Ky., June 8.—A special to the Evening Post from Barbourville, Ky., says: Rev. Berry Lawson, a Methodist divine of this county, was shot and instantly killed this morning by his 15-year-old son, Isham. The father whipped the boy Sunday for some slight offense and he left home. The punishment rankled in the little fellow's heart and he returned home this morning, and finding his father in a cornfield, slipped up behind him and blew his head from his shoulders with a shot gun. The youthful paracide escaped.

NO LOSS OF LIFE.

A Terrible Powder Explosion Near Rosenheim—Trees Uprooted and Houses Shattered.

Munich, June 8.—Lightning struck a powder factory to-day about three miles from Rosenheim, exploding 11,000 pounds of gunpowder. The doors of houses at Rosenheim and at Stephens-Kirchen, about one and a half miles from Rosenheim, were torn from their hinges, big trees were uprooted and eleven houses were shattered. But in spite of the fearful force of the explosion, there was no loss of life.

THE PHILHARMONIC.

The Last of the Present Series of Concerts Given Last Evening.

Last night the last of this half year's concerts by the Philharmonic Quartette took place. A representative audience was present and added interest to the excellently rendered programme. It was the introduction of the coming violinist, Henry Weiler, aged 13, whose talent has been developed to its present stage by Prof. Hermann Schockey. To the family of Rev. Gustav Weiler, pastor of the German Methodist Church, to Prof. Schockey and to the Philharmonic Quartette does musical Wheeling extend congratulations for this discovery and bringing to public notice that Henry Weiler has genius. His playing of the 6th Air Varié, by De Berliot, proves it, and his career from now on will be watched with sincere interest. The other soloist of the evening was a member of the Quartette, Prof. Edward Blumenberg, who as usual distinguished himself. The selection was a "Cavatina," by Hollaender, for viola, and it was so rendered that two recalls were the awards. Apart also from the quartette work proper was the "Intermezzo Symphony," violin, cello and piano trio. It was exquisitely played, and an encore given by a really enthusiastic audience was responded to with a second rendering. Three quartettes made up the remainder of the programme, and all were most intelligently and beautifully interpreted. The time will hang heavy for the lovers of these delightful chamber concerts during the interim, but when October comes a most enthusiastic greeting will be given the performers and the originators of this series of concerts.

SURE THING FOR MR. WHITE.

Informed By Elkins That He Will Be Revenue Collector.

Made a Visit to the President With Congressman Dovener. The President's Friendship for White Responsible for Elkins Dropping Thomas E. Davis and Agreeing to White's Appointment—McKinley Declared His Desire to Give the Place to the Parkersburg Editor.

CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE.

Washington, June 8.—The Senate to-day confirmed the following nominations: John J. DeHaven, to be United States District Judge for northern district of California; John K. Thompson, to be marshal, district of West Virginia; Ellis H. Roberts, of New York, to be treasurer of the United States; Carl Bailey Hurst, of the District of Columbia, to be Consul General at Vienna, Austria.

AN ECCENTRIC MILLIONAIRE.

Joseph Richardson Dies Worth Twenty Millions—Lived in a House Five Feet Wide.

New York, June 8.—Joseph Richardson, an eccentric millionaire, died here to-day. He made his fortune in railroad building and was closely associated with the Vanderbilts and Goulds. He constructed large sections of the Union Pacific, Missouri Pacific, Iron Mountain and Mexican Central railroads. He came as a poor boy from England. Mr. Richardson's fortune has been estimated at \$20,000,000. He dressed more like a tramp than a wealthy man and lived and died in a house which was only five feet wide. This place has been called the "spite" house. It was built because the surrounding property owners refused to meet Mr. Richardson's terms for the narrow lot. He afterwards refused fabulous sums for the little piece of ground on which his house stood amid the tall houses on the best part of Lexington avenue. His greatest aversion was to seeing his name in print.

SERIOUS RIOT.

One Man Killed and Another Beaten Almost to Death.

Pontiac, Ill., June 8.—A serious labor riot occurred at Minont to-day. The coal miners there have been on a strike since May 1st. During last week a few men have been working against the wishes of the majority. To-day while Supt. A. W. Morgan and one of the bosses, Joseph Erbelang, were escorting one of the men to work a crowd of miners interfered. A fight ensued and Morgan and Erbelang commenced to shoot, killing instantly a young married miner named John Wetoski and wounding another. This so enraged the miners that they attacked Morgan and Erbelang with clubs and stones and beat them badly. Morgan may not live. The town is excited and there is no telling where the trouble may end.

IMPORTANT DISCOVERY

Which It Is Alleged, May Revolutionize the Iron Industry.

St. Louis, Mo., June 8.—Richard King, superintendent of the steel works in Belleville, Ill., has invented and had patented a new process for annealing castings, which it is claimed will revolutionize the iron and steel industry. Mr. King says with his process the cost can be cut in two. Iron and steel men at Belleville think his discovery the most important in the history of iron manufacture. King has applied for letters patent in all foreign countries where iron is manufactured.

MEETING TO ARRANGE PEACE.

Constantinople, June 8.—The third meeting between the Turkish Minister for Foreign Affairs, Tewfik Pasha, and the ambassadors of the powers, to arrange a permanent basis of peace between Turkey and Greece, took place to-day.

The Weather.

Mr. C. Schnepf, the Opera House druggist, made the following observations of the weather yesterday: 7 a. m., 62; 9 a. m., 63; 12 m., 65; 3 p. m., 68; 7 p. m., 67. Weather cloudy. Washington, June 8.—For West Virginia, Western Pennsylvania and Ohio: Generally fair; light northeast to east winds.