

ADMIRAL DEWEY MAY COME TO WHEELING.

He Responds to the Intelligencer's Invitation to Attend the Approaching

FORT HENRY COMMEMORATIVE FUNCTION.

The Intelligencer Submits the Admiral's Answer to the Committee in Charge of the Tablet Setting, the Members of Which are Enthusiastic Over the Probability that the Hero of Manila Will Come to Wheeling—A Committee to Visit him in Washington Next Week to Follow up the Initiative Taken by the Intelligencer—A Sword to be Presented to Ensign Dorr, of the Boston, at the Same Time

THE ADMIRAL'S LETTER.

OFFICE OF THE ADMIRAL, 1747 Rhode Island Avenue

WASHINGTON, November 9, 1899

Dear Sir:—Admiral Dewey desires me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, inviting him to participate in certain patriotic ceremonies in Wheeling on February 22 next. The Admiral is unable to determine, so far in advance, whether or not he will be able to accept the invitation. Very Respectfully,

[Signature of R. M. Archer] Secretary to the Admiral.

R. M. Archer, City Editor, The Wheeling Intelligencer, Wheeling, W. Va.

Admiral Dewey will probably come to Wheeling. The Intelligencer is able to give this pleasing bit of information this morning on the most encouraging grounds.

February 22, Washington's Birthday, is the probable date of the admiral's visit to Wheeling.

What day more appropriate! Dewey and Washington! Both names are linked in imperishable glory, and the story of one's achievements before and after the birth of the republic does not even dim the lustre of the other's magnificent contribution to one of the brightest chapters of American history.

But the reader is beginning to wonder how this prospective visit comes about. To be short and to the point, the Intelligencer sent the following letter to Admiral Dewey early in the week:

WHEELING, W. VA., November 6, 1899.

Sir:—We take the liberty of addressing you to voice the desire of the people of Wheeling and of West Virginia to see and honor the Hero of Manila.

An approaching event in Wheeling is the setting up of a tablet at the site of Fort Henry, to commemorate the last battle of the Revolutionary War, fought September 11-13, 1782, when the fort, with a garrison of sixteen men, was besieged by a British force, composed of forty red-coats and 250 Indians, the latter under the notorious Girty.

There is also a movement on foot to raise a fund by popular subscription to present to Ensign John R. Dorr, of the U. S. N., whose home is in this city, a sword in recognition of his services in the sea fight in Manila Bay, which has endeared your name to the American people.

THE INTELLIGENCER. To George Dewey, Admiral, U. S. N., Washington, D. C.

Though just married, a time when even an ordinary individual would be pardoned for dismissing matters of business summarily, Admiral Dewey just now in inditing the letter which precedes this story.

It will be seen that the admiral would like to come to Wheeling if his future imperative engagements will permit of acceptance, and as the Fort Henry tablet committee is ready to change the date of the ceremonies to any time that will meet with his favor, the chances are that it will soon be definitely known that the Hero of Manila will be in Wheeling both to take part in the ceremonies attending the setting of the Fort Henry tablet, and to take a prominent part in the proposed presentation of a sword to the only Wheeling boy who fought with Dewey in the wonderful sea victory achieved in Manila Bay, Ensign John S. Dorr, of the cruiser Boston, who is now stationed at the Norfolk, (Va.), navy yard on shore duty.

Upon the receipt of Admiral Dewey's reply yesterday afternoon, the Intelligencer interviewed several of the members of the Fort Henry Tablet Committee, including Mayor Sweeney, President H. P. McGregor, of the Ohio county board of commissioners; President Hullahen Quarrier, of the Wheeling chamber of commerce; Mr. O. C. Dewey, of the Sons of the American Revolution (who is a distant relative of Admiral Dewey), and Dr. R. M. Baird, of the Sons of the Revolution. All united in praising the Intelligencer for having taken the initiative action in securing Admiral Dewey's presence in Wheeling

at the time of the Fort Henry ceremonies, and were of the opinion that it would be the "biggest" day in Wheeling's history.

Said Mr. McGregor: "Magnificent. Of course I approve of what the Intelligencer has done." In reply to the suggestion of the Intelligencer that the tablet committee meet early next week and arrange for a sub-committee to go to Washington and follow up the initiative taken by this paper, by extending a personal and formal invitation to the admiral, Mr. McGregor said: "Yes, that's just the thing, and let me suggest that we secure the very best dinner service of Wheeling pottery that can be had, and take it down to Washington with us and present it to the admiral. Mr. McGregor said: "Yes, that's just the thing, and let me suggest that we secure the very best dinner service of Wheeling pottery that can be had, and take it down to Washington with us and present it to the admiral."

Mr. Hullahen Quarrier was equally enthusiastic. He said, "The Intelligencer has made a ten-strike in suggesting this thing, and has done even better by assuming the initiative with so much success. It will be the greatest day in Wheeling has ever seen. People will come here from scores of towns and cities, and the name of our fair city will go broadcast over the land from end to end. And that suggestion that we give Ensign Dorr a sword is just as good; Dorr is a Wheeling boy, and he deserves anything that the good people of our city can bestow upon him, even a \$500 sword, as you have suggested. Put me down for \$5 on that score right away."

Mr. O. C. Dewey, of Echo Point, a member of the Fort Henry tablet committee on behalf of the Sons of the American Revolution, heartily endorsed all that the Intelligencer has done, and said that he could be counted upon to do anything in support of the project to have Admiral Dewey come to Wheeling that was in his power.

two subscriptions to the Dorridge Sword Fund, and doubtless there will be a rush to figure as contributors on the part of the people of Wheeling who always delight to honor our Boys when they distinguish themselves. The fact that Admiral Dewey will most likely present the sword to the young officer will give added interest, of course. Contributions may be left at the Intelligencer counting rooms, or may be mailed to the Intelligencer Publishing Company. The money raised will be expended, under the direction of the Fort Henry tablet committee, in purchasing the sword.

The Intelligencer has been requested to call a meeting of the Fort Henry tablet committee for next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock, at the rooms of the chamber of commerce, Hub building, when the matter of sending a sub-committee to Washington will be disposed of. Other matters of importance are to come up, and a full attendance is desired.

THE SWORD FUND.

To the Public: We endorse the initiative action taken by the Wheeling Intelligencer, both in inviting Admiral Dewey to take part in the ceremonies attending the setting of the Fort Henry commemorative tablet, and in proposing the raising of a fund by popular subscription for the purpose of purchasing a suitable sword, to be presented to Ensign John Dorr, of the U. S. N., in recognition of his services contributory to the great victory won by Admiral Dewey in Manila Bay.

- We suggest that the Intelligencer proceed at once to receive subscriptions to the Dorridge Sword Fund, to the amount of \$500, same to be expended by the Fort Henry Tablet Committee in purchasing the sword, to be presented to Ensign John Dorr, in connection with the Fort Henry ceremonies, February 22, 1900. H. P. MCGREGOR, HULLAHEN QUARRIER, A. T. SWEENEY, R. M. BAIRD, O. C. DEWEY, ALEX. UDEGRAFF. Members Fort Henry Tablet Committee.

The Intelligencer accepts the trust, as suggested and imposed by the Committee. Donations to the fund may be left at the Intelligencer counting rooms, 27 Fourteenth street. Out-of-town contributors may mail subscriptions to the Intelligencer Publishing Company, Wheeling.

THE SWORD FUND.

- H. P. McGregor.....\$5 00 Hullahen Quarrier.....5 00

TABULATING RETURNS.

Indications Are that the Governorship Will Go to the Legislature for Settlement—Western Union Figures.

FRANKFORD, Ky., Nov. 10.—The Democratic state committee, with a score of clerks, is busy to-night tabulating the returns as telegraphed from the various county canvassing boards. Several counties are still out, and in number of those heard from to-day the county boards will meet again to-morrow, to pass on contested ballots, which may materially affect the result.

The members of the committee claim that Goebel's vote was slightly increased by the official count to-day, and still claim his election by at least 4,000. The committee declines to give out the vote by counties as received by it and on what claim Goebel's election is based. It is conceded on all hands that the result will not be definitely ascertained for at least two days, and that no matter what candidate may be declared elected, the legislature will finally have to settle a contest which is certain to be instituted for possession of the office.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 10.—The official count of the ballots cast on Tuesday was begun to-day throughout the state. In this city a large crowd gathered at the court house, Representatives of all the parties were admitted by the commissioners, and the examination of the ballots proceeded in an orderly manner. Judging from the progress already made the official returns will show no great variation from the unofficial figures, which give Louisville and Jefferson county to the Republicans by a plurality of about 3,000.

The Times has the following from Bardonia, Ky., concerning the count in Progress: "A serious technical error in the vote may increase Goebel's Nelson county plurality to 1,886. In the official count it was discovered that in every precinct except one, W. P. instead of W. S. Taylor was voted for, and the one precinct, Newhope, gives W. S. Taylor, the Republican candidate, only 73, leaving the official vote, as certified by the two Democratic commissioners, as follows: Goebel, 1,959; W. S. Taylor, 73; W. P. Taylor, 1,182. The Republican commissioners refused to certify to these figures."

Reports to the Commercial (Republican) up to midnight, show gains of 561 for Goebel and 283 for Taylor, on changes from the unofficial returns. This leaves Taylor's plurality, according to the Commercial's advices, at 3,641. Reports to this paper from today's count cover sixty-eight of the 119 counties in the state.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Nov. 10.—The Western Union Telegraph Company today issued its last bulletin on the Kentucky election, saying that with complete returns from 94 counties and nearly complete returns from 23 others, Taylor's plurality is 1,382. The two counties not reported, Leslie and Martin, gave in 1897 a Republican plurality of 1,135.

Crazed Passenger's Leap. HASTINGS, Neb., Nov. 10.—K. F. Larned, of Poland, N. Y., probably will die as the result of a leap taken today from a Burlington passenger train near Harvard. He is badly hurt about the head and one shoulder is dislocated. Mr. Larned, who was accompanied by his wife and child, was on his way to Haiger, Neb., to visit his brother. It is supposed Larned suddenly and dived through the window before any one could stop him. The train stopped and the man was picked up in an unconscious condition, from which there has been no recovery.

Twenty-Five Round Draw. NEW YORK, Nov. 10.—Dave Sullivan and Joe Bernstein fought a twenty-five round draw to-night at the Broadway Athletic Club. Sullivan out-fought Bernstein. He led, forced and landed, while the other man blocked and remained on the defensive during the majority of the rounds.

REAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST BOERS SAID TO BE ON.

Flood of English Troops to be Poured Into All Sections of the Transvaal.

FORCE WILL NUMBER 95,000

By Christmas and Shiploads of Ammunition and Supplies Will Accompany Them.

LONDON, Nov. 10.—With the arrival at Cape Town of the British transports Boelin Castle and Moor, to be followed by a continuous succession of troop-laden ships, the real campaign in South Africa may be said to have commenced, and the fact that the first named ship was ordered to proceed to Durban, Natal, forthwith, is said to indicate at least a modification in the plan of advance.

It seems that General Buller's first move will be to free General White, thus somewhat departing from the earlier plan credited to him of advancing through the level country of the Orange Free State and southwestern Transvaal. It has been apparent for some days that the situation at Ladysmith could not be indefinitely prolonged, and it is understood that information has reached the government to the effect that the quiescence of the Boers will shortly be changed by the arrival of the siege-train from Pretoria, into a determined attempt to deliver a telling stroke. This, it is added, led General Buller to prepare a counter-stroke and endeavor to push the Boers back by a direct attack. Such an operation, if attempted will necessarily entail great expenditure of life, as during the month the Boers have occupied northern Natal they have fortified most of the passes and other positions suitable to their style of fighting.

While the pigeon dispatch of General White shows the beleaguered garrison was holding its own yesterday, it is feared here that the silence regarding what the British artillery was doing in reply to the Boer guns indicates that the dread that General White is short of long-range ammunition is not altogether groundless. If this is true, the reported further destruction of the railroad near Colenso assumes greater importance.

One very serious passage in General White's message gives the first official confirmation of the statements of Boer treachery, which there has been a disposition hitherto to discredit, but which must now be accepted as at least partly true. With the additional division announced by General Wolseley at the Lord Mayor's banquet yesterday evening, General Buller's forces will aggregate about 95,000 men by Christmas.

War Office Dispatch.

LONDON, Nov. 10.—The British war office has received from General Buller the following dispatch: "Cape Town, Thursday evening, Nov. 9.—Have received by pigeon-post from General White to-day the following: "The bombardment at long range by heavy guns continues daily. A few casualties are occurring, but no serious harm is being done. "The Boers sent in to-day a number of refugees from the Transvaal under a flag of truce. A flag of truce from Ladysmith met them outside the pickets. When the party separated the Boer guns fired on it before it reached our pickets. "Major Gale, of the Royal engineers, was wounded to-day while sending a message. "The entrenchments are daily growing stronger and the supply of provisions is ample."

Rumor of British Casualty.

LONDON, Nov. 10.—Another rumor emanating from Amsterdam sources, says that "A British regiment was decimated Friday by Free Staters." It is added that 600 of the British soldiers were killed or wounded and that 300 horses were captured.

Censors Working Overtime.

LONDON, Nov. 11, 4:30 a. m.—Complete silence has again fallen upon affairs in South Africa. The British public must perforce be content with the brief, stereotyped report which the censor allows to filter through from Cape Town. That this condition of things is no longer due to pressure of work or defective cables has been amply proved. The Eastern Telegraph Company reckons that the real delay in transmission is about two days. It is evident, therefore that the censorship is responsible for the other two days of delay which seems to befall all the dispatches.

Moreover, the Daily Telegraph announces that the "appropriated" dispatch from Ladysmith, dated Monday, which the war office published on Tuesday, was not delivered in Fleet street until yesterday (Friday) morning. It is believed that the war office received further dispatches last evening, but nothing has been published.

England Not Prepared.

LONDON, Nov. 10.—At a banquet in this city last night the Duke of Cambridge, speaking of the war, said: "We ought never allowed ourselves to be in the position in which the outbreak of the war found us. I could cry over the valuable lives which might have been spared had we been better prepared."

Oil in Illinois.

CARBONDALE, Ill., Nov. 10.—Considerable excitement has been created in Southern Illinois over the fact that near Texas City, in Saline county, oil in paying quantities, and of the very best quality, has been secured at a depth of 2,000 feet. Several wells are to be sunk.

LUETGERT CASE RECALLED.

Chicago Butcher, Hanged Yesterday, Disposed of His Wife in About the Same Way as the Famous Sausage Maker.

CHICAGO, Nov. 10.—Albert August Becker, the German butcher, who on January 27 last, murdered his wife, Rachael, and afterward chopped up and boiled the remains in order to dispose of them, was hanged in the county jail at 12:05 o'clock this afternoon. Becker's neck was not broken by the fall and it was sixteen minutes before he was pronounced dead. On the scaffold Becker protested his innocence and declared George Sutterlin, the father of his second wife, was the real murderer.

The case in many ways bore a remarkable similarity to that of Adolph Luetgart. Both of the condemned men were butchers, and the motive for the crime was the same in both instances—the desire to get rid of the wife in order to marry a younger woman. The manner of committing the crimes was also much the same, both men, according to the testimony, being extremely brutal in the killing, and both using the same means to dispose of the body, by boiling and burning. It was proven at Becker's trial that after killing his wife, he had chopped her body to pieces, then boiled the remains on his kitchen stove, afterward burying the remains in various places. As in the case of Luetgart, the rings of the murdered wife played no part in the testimony leading to the conviction. Like Luetgart, also, Becker endeavored to explain his wife's disappearance by saying she had eloped with another man. Becker made several confessions. In his first statement he said he had drowned his wife in Lake Michigan. Later he endeavored to implicate in the crime the father of the woman whom he married after murdering his first wife, and to the last he stuck to this version.

WHOLESALE ARRESTS.

Result of Newspaper Investigation in Philadelphia—Government Employees Held on Serious Charges.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 10.—As the result of an investigation conducted by a newspaper opposed to the machine politics of this city, five men, all residents of Washington, D. C., arrested on Tuesday night, were to-day held in jail for court on the charge of repeating, impersonating election officers and making fraudulent returns. The defendants are John F. Sheehan, R. M. Drinkert, William Cook, Harry McCabe and George Kirkland. All but one are said to be in the government's employ.

It developed that Kirkland had been employed by the newspaper mentioned to enter the conspiracy. He was principal witness to-day and ball in his case was fixed at \$1,000, the others being required to furnish \$500. The testimony involved several prominent Republican politicians in this city and a lieutenant of capital police at Washington. The fraud was accomplished in the thirteenth division of the Seventh ward and the election papers of this division were produced in evidence. The returns showed a vote of 337 for Colonel James E. Barnett, the Republican candidate for state treasurer, and for W. T. Cressy, the Democratic candidate.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.

Prominent Pittsburgh Railway Official Missing. PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 10.—W. F. Kants, general eastern freight and passenger agent of the Cotton Belt railroad, with headquarters in Pittsburgh, suddenly and mysteriously disappeared from this city Sunday morning, October 29, and since that time nothing has been heard of him. It is believed every effort has been made by the Cotton Belt company to ascertain his whereabouts. Mr. Kants had been summoned to the main office of the company at St. Louis, but he never reached there. It is feared that he is still with foul play and that he never got outside of this city. Mr. Kants came to Pittsburgh from Tyler, Texas, four years ago. He has been connected with the Cotton Belt road for many years, and was one of its most trusted and efficient employees.

Vice President Improving.

PATERSON, N. J., Nov. 10.—There was another change for the better in Vice President Hobart's condition today. He was able to sit up in a chair in his room and picked up a newspaper and examined it, eventually reading to Mrs. Hobart and asking her to read for him. The patient was evidently stronger to-day and took more nourishment than at any time since his bad attack of nearly two weeks ago. Despite the statements of attending physicians the family still have hopes of his ultimate recovery. They were much encouraged to-day by the fact that he was able to sit up such a long period of time and by the way in which he apparently relaxed his food.

Monnet Still After Them.

POMEROY, Ohio, Nov. 10.—Suit was begun in the circuit court to-day by Attorney General Monnet, to oust the National Salt Company, familiarly termed the "Salt Trust," incorporated under the laws of New York on the ground that it has been in violation of the National Anti-Salt Law, and has forfeited the right to do business in Ohio. Suit also was instituted against the United States Salt Company, of Cleveland, it being alleged that this company has been merged into the National Salt Company. The salt works at this place, which were purchased by the National Salt Company, have been closed, and the price of salt has been advanced, it is said, 50 cents on the barrel.

Indiana Natural Gas Falling.

KOKOMO, Ind., Nov. 10.—Natural gas is rapidly falling in the northern part of the Indiana field. The Dietrich syndicate has given notice that it will abandon its plants in the smaller towns, five towns in this county are left to freeze, and nearly 2,000 families will eat cold victuals and shiver over fireless stoves. Coal cannot be had, at any price, and there is no wood in the market.

Overcome by Gas.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Nov. 10.—Nine of a gang of thirty men, who were cleaning boilers at the Bethlehem Steel Company blast furnace to-day, were overcome by gas. One of them, Frederick Lintner, aged fifty years, died before he could be rescued. Several of the men fell on ladders, they carried and were severely burned.

GEN. WHEATON LOCATES CHIEF AGUINALDO.

The Insurgent Leader Picks Out the Wildest But Richest Spot on the Entire Island.

HEMMED IN ON ALL SIDES.

With Troops Behind Him and Warships in Front of Him at the Sea-Coast, His Chances Slim.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—It is on the headwaters of the Magat that Aguinaldo is now located. The way is open for him down the long stretch of the river to Aparai at the mouth of the Cagayan, where it flows into the sea. This is one of the wildest but richest valleys in the island. It is believed that the river Cagayan is navigable for our tin clad gunboats 150 miles from its mouth and for Cascoes much further. It is expected as soon as Aguinaldo shows any disposition to move down the valley toward the China sea that warships and gunboats will be sent round the northern end of the island to meet him and cut off his escape.

If it is his intention to escape from Luzon he would naturally seek Aparai or some northern port, but the country around Carabell mountain is such that he could probably stand off the whole American force in a game of hide-and-seek in the hills for the greater part of the coming season.

General Wheaton's Expedition.

MANILA, Nov. 10, 10 a. m.—General Wheaton's expedition arrived off San Fabian Monday night, but the surf was too high to permit the landing of the troops in small boats. On Tuesday morning the expedition approached Lingyan, a suburb of Bagupan, which has a sheltered harbor with sand dunes stretched from the water to the town. The Benington, Heiana, Manila, Caliao and Samar shelled the town and the beach for an hour with the full strength of their batteries, but there was no response, nor was there visible any signs of life. The troops were manned in boats, five steam launches each towing four boats. When these approached the shore and the troops began to land, a long line of insurgents rose from the sand and poured a heavy volley over the heads of the soldiers, following this with a rapid fusillade. The insurgents were excited and fired high, few of their bullets striking the boats. Two men, however, were wounded.

The companies were formed and ordered to lie down in the sand. They gave the insurgents a few volleys and then charged, driving the enemy with a rush. The Filipinos had lain behind the dunes during the bombardment, the shells ploughing through the sand and doing them little if any damage. The gunboat Manila brought the news that his entire force of 2,700 men was marching eastward leaving Dagupan.

The battleship Oregon, which had been ordered from Hong Kong to Dagupan, had not arrived at the latter place when the Manila sailed. General Young, with his cavalry, took San Jose on Wednesday. A small insurgent force stationed there retreated. The troops were ferried across the river to Cabanatuan on a raft. During the passage an accident occurred by which a private of the Twenty-second regiment was drowned.

Another attack has been made by the insurgents on Baling, the rebels firing into the town for four hours, but doing no damage. The insurgents held a celebration at Tarlac on October 29, in honor of the anti-imperialists. The demonstration included a procession, religious services and speeches by Aguinaldo and other officials.

The Independence in an editorial eulogizing Mr. W. J. Bryan, says: "Mr. Bryan should be pictured in Filipino history with equal glory with Dr. Rizal, Rizal, Bryan and Aguinaldo are the glorious trinity of our political redemption." General Otis and the Spanish and British consuls have made arrangements in accordance with which the British cruiser Peacock is to take 20,000 rations and clothing to the Spanish prisoners in the Alby and Camarines provinces.

Sergeant Hintz' Death.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 10.—Gen. Brooks at Havana has informed the war department of the death of Sergeant Philip Hintz, Company E, Second cavalry, who died on the 7th instant, of chronic alcoholism.

One-Cent-a-Mile Excursion.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 10.—The Pennsylvania railroad, the Baltimore & Ohio, the Philadelphia & Reading, and the Lehigh Valley railroad have made the unprecedented rate of one cent a mile over their systems to Philadelphia and return for "Pennsylvania Day" at the International exposition, November 18. Tickets will be on sale at all points west of Harrisburg and Sunbury, on November 15, good until the 17th. No such excursion rate has ever been made over these systems for use to Philadelphia and the exposition management is quite pleased with the announcement.

Suspicion of Foul Play.

GREENSBURG, Pa., Nov. 10.—The mangled remains of two men were found to-day on the Pennsylvania railroad tracks near Latrobe, Pa. A third man was found to identify himself, is held by the authorities. He says the men were killed by a freight train, but his strange manner has caused suspicions that there may have been foul play. One of the men killed was identified as William Cahoon, aged forty years, of New York. His company is unknown.

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES.

Consecration of Rev. W. Loyall Gravatt to the Office of Bishop Coadjutor of West Virginia—Prominent Divines Present.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLES TOWN, W. Va., Nov. 10.—Rev. W. Loyall Gravatt, who was last July elected bishop coadjutor of the diocese of West Virginia, was to-day consecrated to that office in Zion Episcopal church, this city, the ceremony being witnessed by perhaps a thousand persons. The church had just been remodeled and frescoed, this being the first service held in it since. Rt. Rev. R. A. Gibson, bishop coadjutor of Virginia, and Bishop F. K. Brooks, of the diocese of Oklahoma, presented the bishop elect. Rt. Rev. L. W. Burton, of the diocese of Lexington, Ky., preached the consecration sermon. The attending presbytery were: Rev. R. D. Roller, of Charleston, W. Va., and Rev. Charles Gravit, of Richmond, Va. At the close of the sermon the Rt. Rev. F. M. Whittle, of the diocese of Virginia; Rt. Rev. G. U. Peterkin, of the diocese of West Virginia, and Rt. Rev. H. X. Battered, of Washington diocese, performed the impressive service of consecration. About fifty clergymen were in the procession. Besides these many other clergymen were in attendance from different parts of the country. Rt. Rev. W. Loyall Gravatt, now bishop coadjutor of the diocese of West Virginia, was born in Port Royal, Virginia, was educated at the Virginia military college and graduated at the Virginia theological seminary in 1854. For three years immediately following his graduation at the seminary he was assistant to Rev. Charles Minnesgerode at St. Paul's church, Richmond. He was tendered a call to the rectory of St. Peter's church, Norfolk, which he accepted, and in 1861 he was elected to the high church of Zion church at Charles Town and remained its rector until elected to the bishopric. He will continue to make his residence in this city. During the absence of the bishops in this city, Rev. J. N. Deaver, rector of St. Philip's parish, was raised to priests' orders on Saturday. To-night a reception was tendered the visiting clergy at the Parish building.

Railroad Sold.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER. PARKERSBURG, W. VA., Nov. 10.—The Alexander and Rich Mountain railroad was sold at public auction in front of the federal building this afternoon by an order from the United States circuit court. The purchasers were C. M. and J. B. Hart, of Clarkburg, machinists, and they will work the road and dig the new line to be built and owned. The price paid was \$33,857, and the sale includes the track, engines, cars, switches and all the equipment of the road, which is valued at \$75,000 merely as old iron. A great many lines in the big country, from Alexander, on the line of the West Virginia & Pittsburgh, twenty-two and one-half miles through the timber covered hills of Upshur county to Rich Mountain. It was the property of the Alexander Lumber Company and was used as a lumber road altogether. When this company became insolvent the road also went into the hands of a receiver and it was sold for the benefit of the creditors of the defunct and at one time important lumber company.

Gubernatorial Candidate.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER. PARKERSBURG, W. VA., Nov. 10.—Congressman Freer, will be a candidate for governor. The statement is made without any qualifications. Your correspondent knows whereof he speaks. There was a meeting here to-day of the congressman and his manager, Colonel Gene Campbell, and a number of the personal and political friends of the congressman. It was an agreement that the eloquent son of Ritchie would make the race. This is the first positive announcement that has been made that the congressman will be a gubernatorial candidate, and it is made without fear of contradiction. Lloyd Smith, the proprietor of the Bienerb-Smith, who has been mentioned in connection with the race for the Democratic nomination for auditor, stated this evening that he would be a candidate, and that a Trier, a young man, who has a wide acquaintance and it is believed that he will make a candidate hard to down.

New Corporations.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER. CHARLESTON, W. VA., Nov. 10.—Articles of incorporation were obtained here to-day by the Greenbrier & Cheat River Railroad Company, which proposes to build a railroad, commencing at or near the Forks of the Greenbrier river, in Pocahontas county, and running by the most practicable route to a point at or near Rowlesburg, in Preston county. The capital stock of the company is \$50,000, divided into shares of \$100 each, will be David L. Luke, of Piedmont, W. Va.; C. F. Moore, of Covington, Va.; Joseph K. Cass, of Tyrone, Pa.; John G. Lusk, of New York; William Lang, M. P. Daegan, John P. Haller and E. J. Ware, all of Pocahontas, Va. The subscribed capital is \$11,700, of which \$10,000 is paid up and authorized capital, \$40,000.

Cleveland Murder.

CLEVELAND, Nov. 10.—Charles Bias, a notorious negro better known as "Race Horse" Charley, was shot and killed early to-day by Joseph W. Smith, the colored proprietor of a billiard room at 450 Erie street. The shooting was the result of a quarrel between the two men. Smith gave himself up to the police. Bias at one time followed the grand circuit races and by reason of his sporting proclivities and gigantic physique became a familiar figure at these meetings. He recently completed a term on the Ohio penitentiary, where he was sent on account of a cutting affray in which he was the aggressor.

Shamrock's Voyage.

PAYAL, Azores Islands, Nov. 10.—Sir Thomas Lipton's steam yacht Erin, which left New York November 2, passed here to-day towing the Shamrock.

Weather Forecast for To-day.

For West Virginia, Western Pennsylvania and Ohio: Rain and cooler, Sunday, and cooler, with shifting to fresh and brisk northwesterly. Local Temperature. The temperature yesterday was observed by C. Schenep, druggist, corner Market and Fourteenth streets, was as follows: 7 a. m. 45; 8 a. m. 45; 9 a. m. 45; 10 a. m. 45; 11 a. m. 45; 12 m. 45; Weather fair.