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### A Word to Republicans.

The hope of the party lies in the expansion of a stalwart Republican press. The Repubtican who reads or otherwise helps to support a Democratic paper to the exclusion of one of his own party newspapers is untrue to the Republican cause.

Republican League.

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the facts, not to express opinions of the law or to influence proposed changes in it. says The New

York Press, Sena-VERDICT ACCORD- tors ALDRICH, ALLI-SON, HISCOCK, JONES of Nevada, HARRIS

and Carlisle went to work sixteen months ago to investigate the course of wages and prices following the passage of the McKinley bill. Four of them are Republicans and Protectionists, two of them Democrats and Free-traders; all of them wanted to IT does not make any difference how learn the facts without any coloring by many times he is defeated, so long as partisian or economic opinions, so they he lives, CLEVELAND will go on being agreed, from the start, to agree. That the only Democratic candidate for Presiis, there was to be no minority report dent. He is the only one elected in made by this sub-committee of the Senate over thirty years and that will make Finance Committee, for the majority him the perpetual candidate. Other agreed not to report any fact that was aspiring Democrats who look longingly not so clearly established as a fact as to be toward 1896 may as well take warning. conceded by the minority. No expressions of opinion were to be made in the report concerning the economic or political bearings of the facts found; the facts, and nothing but the facts, were to be sought and presented. And for this purpose the committee secured the cooperation of such leading statisticians and professional investigators as Labor Commissioner CARROLL D. WRIGHT, ex-

Superintendent of Census Francis A.

WALKER, Professor HENRY C. ADAMS,

Professor EDMUND J. JAMES, EDWARD

ATKINSON, WILLIAM M. GROSVENOR and

Dr. ROLAND P. FALKNER of the Univer-

sity of Pennsylvania, who was appointed

to be the official statistician of the com-

mittee. The result is a report of the

utmost value, and one which anybody

can procure by addressing Senator AL-

DRICH. Senator HISCOCK or any other

member of the Senate. The dates of comparison chiefly used are June, 1889, and September, 1891, and Homestead. Allegheny county, howthe report of this jury drawn to sit on ever, won't admire the little bill she will the McKinley law and render a verdict have to pay by and by for all this exciteaccording to the facts, shows that ment. in seventy cities 214 articles, including all the necessaries of life, have declined in average retail prices 64-100 of 1 per . cent.; that the average wholesale prices have declined 33-100 of 1 per cent.; that agricultural prices advanced 13.67 per this session. Chairman Oates plunged cent., and that the average of wages into it with a rush, hoping to get some has advanced # of 1 per cent. Look at good campaign thunder for his report these figures again:

Average decline in prices......0.64 per cent. Average advance in wages......0.75 per cent. Average rise in farm products 13.67 per cent. That there might be no mistake likely to go over until after the election. about the course of retail prices, they

were again collected on May 1st, 1892, in three cities far apart and distinctively representative of the manufacturing, the commercial and the agricultural consumers—Fall River, Chicago and Dubuque; and they showed that 215 articles had declined an average of 3.4 per cent., as compared with June, July and August, 1889. The articles of which the retail prices were grouped were classified into food, clothes and clothing,

fuel and lighting, metals and implements, lumber and building materials, drugs and chemicals, house furnishing goods and miscellaneous necessaries. The committee announces as a result of its computation (the higher prices of farm products apparently not cutting much figure) that-

"The cost of living of a family in ordinary circumstances was 44.100 of 1 per cent, less on September 1st, 1891, than on September 1st, 1889."

In fifteen occupations selected by the committee average wages were found to be 0.3475 per cent, higher in September, 1891, than during June, July and August, 1889. The occupations selected were those of bakers, blacksmiths, brick-OFFICE - Public Ledger Building, No. 10 Ent. layers, cabinet makers, carpenters, common laborers, farm laborers, machinists, masons, iron molders, painters, plumbers, sailors, stonecutters and tinsmiths. Wages in a number of other industries were found 25 Cents to be 31-100 of 1 per cent. higher. Care was also taken by the committee to secure new and reliable statistics of wages and the cost of living in Great Britain. It was found that the cost of living in Great Britain had increased 1.9 per cent. between June, 1889, and September, 1891, and that bakers, blacksmiths, cabinet makers, carpenters, laborers, machinists, iron molders, painters and plumbers get, on an average, 77 per cent, more wages here than in Great

> Such are the facts reported by six reputable members of the United States Senate, Democrats uniting with Republicans in efforts to secure their correctness, and indorsing them as correct.

THE South Carolina Democracy has surrendered bodily to the Farmers' Alliance and the two have blended, the Farmers' Alliance platform being adopted in toto. But the great central creed of both, which is not in the platform, continues the true bond of Union: "Down with the dam nigger."

OBJECTION is made by the Democrats to the passage through the House of the Chanimously subscribed to by the National free lumber bill "until after election," as it might endanger North Carolina to the party. The effect of passing the free iron-ore bill is also dreaded in Alabama and Tennessee. LIKE a jury that sits to investigate No one advocates delay any longer than after election.

> THE thirteen ballot-box stuffers who are now wearing stripes in the New Jersey penitentiary are the men who made ABBETT Governor of New Jersey. But no one has heard of ABBETT resigning since these criminals were convicted. Watch out for New Jersey to Edward Curran, who were still living go Republican next November. With a fair vote she will do so.

#### Political Points.

It Knocks Them Clean Out.

Boston News.-If you wish to frighten the Democrats this year, just shout for a free ballot and an honest count. They can't stand any such doctrine as that.

Mr. Holman's Difficult Task.

Chicago Necs .- Mr. Holman is busy explaining why the amount of money expended by the present Congress is in reality not so large as it really is. Or something to that effect.

Little Bill Then Big Bill.

Philadelphia Press.-Allegheny county people are crowding in hundreds to view the famous steamer Little Bill, which played such a prominent part at

The Oates Committee Report.

Pittsburgh Commercial Gazette.-The Congressional Committee that investigated Homestead is not likely to report at before the campaign. But the facts brought out in the investigation were not the kind he was after and his report is

#### THE EXPLOSION.

Only One Man Escaped to Tell the Story

Of the Terrible Calamity at the York Colliery.

The Dead Now Number Fifteen People-A Shot From the Battery Caused the Accident-A Full and Complete List of the Victims.

POTTSVILLE., Pa. July 25 - The list of victims of Saturday's explosion of gas at York Farm colliery has increased to fifteen dead and one momentarily expected to breathe his last. Thus not one of the men working in the vicinity of where the explosion occurred will be able to tell the tale of the disaster excepting Llewellyn, the man who first noticed the presence of gas and the unusual running of coal, and who, by strictly complying with colliery rule, had gone to inform the fire boss of these unusual indications, and thus was absent from the vicinity of the explosion. His story is that he and his "butty," Christian Hornicker, whose body still lies in the mine, had fired a shot with a battery in breast No. 1 of the second lift and, immediately there was a strong rush of gas and run of coal. This gas rushed up the stairway connecting the first and second lifts, and was ignited, it is supposed, by one of the safety lamps that was either upset and broken or faulty. and the terrible explosion followed, whereby the men working in the immediate vicinity were affected as above mentioned, and the gangways filled with fallen rock, coal and timber, covering the bodies of some of the men. All the bodies have been recovered, except Harrison and Hornicker, and it is expected that they will be brought to the surface before Monday morning.

The complete list of the victims, all of whom are now dead but one, follows: Geo. Krise, of Middle Creek 21 years, single, laborer.

Wm. Jones, Minersville, 17 years door boy. Wm. H. Weyman, Minersville, 31 years, wife and several children, miner. Anthony Putlavitch, Pottsville, 3

Herman Werner, St. Clair, 45 years, wife and large family, miner. Thomas Jones, Minersville, 35 years wife and four children, miner.

years, wife and one child, miner.

Anthony stock, Yorkville, 16 years single, laborer. Henry Madara, Pottsville, 31 years wife and five children, miner.

Edward Curran, Mt. Laffee, 35 years wife and two children, miner. Thomas F. Landers, Pottsville, 27 years, wife and one child, laborer.

Robert Allott, Pottsville, 42 years, wife and eight children, miner. C. D. Allott, Pottsville, 17 years, single, laborer.

James Hartsoll, Lewellyn, 37 years, wife and one child, mine carpenter. John Harrison, Wadesville, 30 years, wife and three children, fire boss.

Christian Hornicker, 30 years, St. Clair, miner, wife and three children. George Stock, Yorkville, 22 years, recently married.

Of the above Henry Madara, Thomas A Soldier Hung Up by the Thumbs for Landers, Robert and Charles Allott and when taken from the mine, died since Sunday evening.

MRS. FRICK

Swooned When She Learned That Her Husband Was Shot.

PITTSBURGH, July 25. - It was learned Sunday afternoon that Mrs. Frick had no knowledge of the assault upon her husband until Sunday. She has been ill for over a fortnight, having given birth to a son. So careful has her husband been to keep his troubles from her that she did not know of the Homestead riots of the 6th inst., or of any of the sensational developments which followed. When Mr. Frick was taken home she was given to understand that he had fallen and cut himself. Sunday by some accident, she got hold of a paper. At the sight of the headlines she fell into a swoon, and has had one fainting spell after another ever since. As she is of delicate constitution her condition is regarded as serious.

102 Degrees at Detroit.

DETROIT, Mich., July 25.—Sunday has been the hottest day experienced here ince la st August, when the G. A. R. held its annual encampment. On top of the Hammond building, the highest in the city, the signal sevice thermometer registered 98 degrees, while on the streets below, where the stone pavements reflected the sun's rays, 102 degrees were noted at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. As far as learned there were no prostrations.

He Deserved Hanging.

Dublin, July 25 .- Rev. Samuel G. Cotton, formerly at the head of the Carogh orphanage at Kildare, who was charged with manslaughter in causing the death of two of the children in his care, and with cruelty to others, has been sentenced on his conviction on the cruelty charge, to six months' imprisonment at hard labor and to pay a fine of £400.

Bergman's Sleter.
WILKESBARRE, Pa., July 25.—Bergman, the man who attempted to assae sinate Manager Frick, has a sister living at Catasauqua. She is the wife of a Hebrew clothing merchant, and a very estimable lady. She says her brother has been weak-minded ever since he was fourteen years old.

Pastor Stricken by the Heat.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., July 25.—The weather was very warm here Sunday. and a number of prostrations from heat have occurred. Among these are Rev. George G. Smith, rector of Trinity, was stricken down while preaching, and W. E. Oliver, assistant signal officer

Hong Himself in the Woods CINCINNATI, July 25.—The dead body of Chris Acherer, a farm hand, was found banging from a tree in the woods near Mt. Healthy, Sunday. The man evidently had been dead for a week.

He Dictates Telegrams From His Bed-side—There is a Chance for His Re-covery—The Prisoner.

PITTSBURGH, July 25 .- H. C. Frick, chairman of the Carnegie Steel Co., limited, who was shot and stabbed Saturday by Alexander Bergman (not Berkman), the nihilist, passed a comfortable day, and Sunday evening was reported by his physicians as being in a fair way to recover. He suffered cousiderable pain at times from his wounds, but the wonderful determination of the man enabled him to suppress all signs of suffering.

When he spoke at all, which was seldom, his words were cheerful. He dietated a reassuring telegram to his aged mother, who lives at Wooster, O., and also a cablegram to Andrew Carnegie.

Many persons called at the residence of the wounded millionaire during the day to inquire concerning his condition and express their sympathy for him, and dozens of messages of sympathy were received from persons in various parts of the country. few of the messages were read to him, but the great majority were answered by a secretary. Only Vice-Chairman Leishmann and Secretary Lovejoy, of the Carnegie Co., were allowed to see Mr. Frick. Both gentlemen stated Sunday evening that they had no doubt Mr. Frick would soon be back at his desk. They denied the story sent out Saturday night that an attempt had been made to poison the whole Frick family.

Alexander Bergman spent the day in the Central station. He admits that he is a printer and that he had worked as a compositor on some New York papers, one a Russian publication and the others German. He was familiar with the names of the proprietors and editors of the New York Staats Zeitung and said he had worked on newspapers in different parts of the country, but would not say where. It was reported by the fact that his father was one of the Hungarians killed in the coke region riots of last year, but Bergman laughed at this. At the same time he betrayed a familiarity with the names and locations in the coke regions that was remarkable for a stranger.

All efforts to discover anything except what he cared to tell were without avail. It was evident not only that the man is entirely sane, but that he is possessed of a large degree of shrewdness.

When an attorney called on him Sunday afternoon out of curiosity, Bergman told him he did not want the services of a lawyer; that he would plead his own case, and that he would have things to say that would startle the whole community. He was taken to the county jail to-night, and will not be given a hearing until the result of Mr. Frick's injuries are known.

Less Hopeful.

PITTSBURGH. July 25.—At one o'clock Monday morning Dr. Litchfield, who is attending Mr. Frick, said that while Mr. Frick's condition was not critical, his recovery was not absolutely certain, and that the danger line would not be reached for several days. This is a much less hopeful view than those expressed by Mr. Frick's friends. At midnight Mr. Frick was resting easy.

TERRIBLE TORTURE.

Cheering Frick's Assassin.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 25.-For proposing three cheers for the fellow who shot H. C. Frick, Private W. L. Iams, of Company K Tenth, of Waynesboro, was subjected to the most humiliating punishment. When the news reached Camp Rowley on Saturday Private Iams gave vent to his feelings in this peculiar way, and was overheard by Lieut-Col. Streator, who is commanding the Tenth. Col. Streater ordered the entire regiment to be drawn up in line, and then the front. After a little delay, lams stepped forward. When asked why he had been guilty of such a thing, he assumed an air of brawade and reference. sumed an air of bravado and refused to

He was asked to apologize, but he re fused to do so. He was then sent to the guard-house and his case was reported to Maj.-Gen. Snowden, who ordered a court-martial. The regimental officers held the hearing in the matter, and, as Iams admitted his guilt and refused to apologize, the court-martial ordered that half the hair of his head and mustache be shaved off; that he be strung up by the thumbs for thirty minutes, be stripped of his uniform, dishonorably discharged and drummed out of camp. After having his head and mustache shaved, as directed. Iams was hanged up by the thumbs. For twenty minutes be endured this torture and then he lost consciousness. Two surgeons ordered that he be cut down at once, or he would soon be dead. He was cut down, and after the doctors revived him, he was stripped of his uniform and given an old pair of overalls to wear. With only these and a shirt and an old hat, he was led out of camp to Swissvale Station to the time of the "Rogues march."

The entire Provisional brigade wit nessed the humiliating spectacle. Iams is 34 years old, and is a farmer. He is a member of one of the oldest families of Greene county, and is related to many of the most prominent people of that county. Opinion is divided as to the punishment, and many officers of the guard think it is too severe. Some of them say that hanging up by the JOB-WORK OF ALL KINDS Executed in the best manner. thumbs is not permitted by the regula-tions, nor is the shaving of the head.

Humored That Hill Will Resign. WASHINGTON, July 25 .- There is much rumor at the capital of Senator Hill's resigning. Its source is a remark he made to a brother senator a couple of weeks ago, that his office of senator is uncongenial and its duties irksome He has gone to New York and may not return this session.

Drowned in Natatoriums. CHICAGO, July 25.—Samuel Richards and Armand Bachad were drowned almost simultaneously in two natator-iums, on Wabash avenue and Madison street Neither was a swimmer.

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