

A Foolish Charge.

The pinch that has recently taken place among the brokers and speculators of Wall street and brought some of the trusts to grief has been taken advantage of by Republican demagogues who represent it to have been the injurious effect of Democratic administration on the business of the country.

By such a remark as this Mr. Dewey would wish to convey the impression that the financial situation has been affected by something that has been done by the Democratic administration that is now in power. But in advancing such an idea he runs the risk of stultifying himself in the opinion of sensible people, for no one but a fool would claim that anything has been done since CLEVELAND came into power that has had a bearing upon the finances of the country or could have any effect upon the general course of business.

But the fact is that the difficulty among the Wall street brokers, and the slump that has taken place in trust shares, have been caused by the speculators over-reaching themselves, and the generally vicious character of their operations. There has been no difficulty that has reached the bona fide business of the country. It might have helped these gamblers out of their trouble if the government had poured millions of bonds into the money market for their relief, but under a Democratic administration, the relieving of stock gamblers is not considered one of the functions of the government.

The Views of a Liberal Journal.

In its last Sunday's issue the Pittsburg Dispatch delivered itself of a rebuke to the Hon. CHAUNCEY M. DEWEY, of New York, in a manner certainly satisfactory to itself and at once indicative of the fact that the Dispatch is truly a broad minded, liberal journal. After censuring Mr. DEWEY for his silly attempt to blame the disastrous outcome of Wall street gambling, last week, on Mr. CLEVELAND it went further to express its disapproval of the Republican attempt to work political capital out of the present condition of the Treasury, when the Republican party itself is to blame for it.

"The fact is evident to all well-informed people that the financial situation, so far as the government is concerned, is the natural result of the state of affairs when the Treasury was handed over to the present administration. Outside of that it would be hard to imagine even DUDLEY or CLARKSON, much less CHAUNCEY M. DEWEY, charging President CLEVELAND with having put the water in the trust stocks or inspired STEPHEN V. WHITE with kiting the industrials on the eve of a tight money market."

There will be plenty of room for honest criticisms of the CLEVELAND administration. But it will benefit neither the Republican party nor the financial situation to indulge in such grotesque misrepresentation of the cause of the late speculators' panic, or to exaggerate the complications for partisan effect, as Mr. DEWEY is represented as doing in this interview."

The inheritance tax bill presented by Mr. BOYER, which provides for a graduated tax on inheritance other than collateral passed, the House finally by a vote of 109 to 43, on Wednesday.

Subscribe for the WATCHMAN.

Monday saw the last of CARLYLE W. HARRIS as mortal. Governor FLOWER, of New York, having refused to interfere with the operations of the law the young man, whose case has in a way figured as the most extraordinary murder trial on record, was electrocuted at Sing Sing.

The death warrant was formally read to Harris at 8:30 o'clock. He displayed indifference and his reading did not noticeably affect him. Warden Durston said Harris showed no signs of breaking down and appeared cheerful after the reading of the death warrant.

It was 12:30 when the witnesses entered the death chamber. Keeper Connaughton and two guards then went for Harris. He was awaiting the final summons in his cell. With him was Chaplain Wells. Harris was ready in a moment, and the little procession was quickly formed. Screens had been placed in front of the other cells, so that the man who will soon meet Harris' fate did not see him as he went to a guard on either side and the faithful chaplain following him. He looked slight and pale as he stepped into the room.

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Appealed to Pattison.

WILKES-BARRE, May 10.—The poor directors of Luzerne county have appealed to the governor for relief in the matter of its insane paupers. The county now has nearly 400 patients at the county asylum, and that institution is so overcrowded that no more patients can be received. Meanwhile the county has a number of patients who are detained in jail pending some relief measures. The state board of charities has ordered that the hospital authorities send back to their respective counties enough of the milder patients to take off the pressure, but the Luzerne directors will resist this measure to the full extent of the law, as patients have been committed by order of court, and the board of charities cannot legally interfere.

Today the Luzerne directors visited Danville and made a temporary compromise. They will take away as many cases as will accommodate such acute cases as need be admitted.

Heavy Bank Failure.

CHICAGO, May 9.—From the fact that a government bank examiner had practically assumed control, and that an appeal for assistance had been refused by the clearing house, as a result the Chemical National Bank did not open for business to-day. The Chemical has a banking concession at the World's fair grounds, and has an office in the administration building, Jackson Park.

The World's fair branch was also closed this morning, and a crowd of anxious exposition depositors stood before the doors. The bank's capital was \$1,000,000. Its officers are J. C. Curry, president; E. C. Vansy and A. T. Turner vice presidents. Poor judgment in making loans and the inability to handle the money are given as causes of the failure. The deposits amount to over \$900,000. It is said that the depositors will be paid in full.

The Rev. John C. S. Wells, the prison chaplain, went in to see Harris shortly after 9 o'clock this morning and remained for an hour. After he came out Dr. Irving went in and found Harris showing some signs of nervousness, but otherwise all right. He said afterward that Harris did not ask for morphine or any other stimulant. His only request was for two oranges. They were taken to him. Harris was shaved and had his hair cut at 10:30. He then put on a new suit of clothes furnished by the State.

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Those were his last words. After uttering them he seemed relieved and settled back in the chair, to which his legs and arms had already been strapped by Eaton and Ford the two guards. State Detective Jackson attached the electrode to Harris' right leg, which was bared to the knee. Eaton placed the helmet containing the other electrode on the head. Electrician Davis attached the wires to the two electrodes. All of this work was done quicker than the telling of it, and then the guards stepped back. Davis who had gone to the switchboard, said: "All ready!"

There was an instant's pause, while every man in the room held his breath. Then Dr. Daniels raised his hand. A sharp click from the lever, and the form in the chair straightened up all the straps creaked. It was just 12:40. A current of 1,700 volts passed through the body of Carlyle Harris. In two seconds Davis threw the switch back so that only one hundred and fifty volts were on.

Dr. Daniels held his hand aloft, and one finger pointed as though to indicate that the soul of the man in the chair had passed upward. Then his arm fell, and in just fifty-five and three-quarter seconds the current was shut off. Drs. Irvine and Habershaw immediately stepped forward and examined the body, which had settled back limp in the chair. Dr. Irvine opened the coat and vest, and tore away the shirt over the heart. He and the other physicians present examined the heart beats turned and shook his head.

DEATH AT THE FIRST TOUCH. This was two minutes after the first contact, and Dr. Daniels then invited the other physicians to step forward and examine the body. Life was extinct, and it was plain to all who were present that death had come at the first touch of the current. The only sign of animation after the current was turned on was a slow movement of the little finger of the right hand, and that was evidently due to muscular contraction caused by the volition of the subject in the chair.

All the physicians present expressed themselves as satisfied that death had been instantaneous. When all had examined the body. Dr. Daniels turned to the witnesses and said: "That is all."

HIS MOTHER SAW THE SIGNAL. Mrs. Harris viewed the raising of the black flag from the window of her room at Ambler's boarding house. When, the ominous signal floated on the soft breeze she turned quietly away, resigned and calm, as she has been for the past few days.

At 12:54 Allan Harris arrived at the naughton escorted him to the room in which the body was to be laid. He notified Warden Durston that an undertaker would call at the prison to remove the body of his brother.

Fatal Accident Near Cairo, Ill.

CAIRO, Ill., May 7.—One of the worst catastrophes which has occurred in this region for years took place on the Mississippi river at Wolf Island, twenty-four miles below this city, at 7:45 this morning. A rear end of one of the boilers of the steamer Ohio, a Cincinnati and Memphis packet, blew out filling the deck cabin with steam and boiling water. Several of the deck hands and deck passengers, who were eating breakfast at the time, were licerally cooked alive, and a large number received serious burns. Following is a list of the dead:

William Hurstman (colored), fireman, St. Louis. Hampton Collins (colored), Memphis. Thomas Woods (colored), residence unknown. Cyrus Meyers (white), second mate, of Cincinnati, jumped into the river and was drowned. Two colored men, unidentified. Following is a list of the injured, many of whom will die: F. W. Crews, Danville, Va. Fred Neal, Columbus, Miss. Charles Jackson, fireman, Cincinnati. James Howard, Roebloom, Mo. Gilbert Childress, fireman, Nashville. Colder Tate, Memphis.

William Jackson, Washington, Pa. William Henry, Memphis. Albert Robinson, Cincinnati. George Washington, Memphis. John Ralph, Cincinnati. C. J. Patterson, Memphis. W. H. Dickey, Newport, Ky. The wildest consternation reigned on board the boat, and the screams of the passengers and the groans and appeals of the victims made the scene a terrible one. The boat could proceed no further and for several hours it lay at the bank, while the unfortunate victims lay on the deck writhing in agony and calling aloud for aid.

At last the tug Argus hove in sight. She was hailed and the sufferers, twenty-two in number, were transferred to her deck and she immediately steamed to this city.

Knights of the Golden Eagle.

LANCASTER, Pa., May 9.—The opening session of the seventeenth annual convention of the grand castle of Knights of the Golden Eagle of Pennsylvania was held this morning. The Knights were welcomed by Mayor Clark, the response being made by Grand Chief Reinicke. There were 470 representatives present. The report of the grand chief shows the order to be in a prosperous condition. Thirty new castles were instituted during the year and twenty-seven temples (ladies' degree).

Twenty-five thousand dollars of death fund has been paid since September 1, 1891. The grand master of record's report shows 479 castles in the state, with a total membership of 42,317. The receipts were \$167,185 and expenditures \$17,372.

The parade of the Knights of the Golden Eagle this afternoon was one of the finest demonstrations of the kind ever made by the order. About 2,500 men were in line and liberal applause was extended the evolutions of commanderies. A competitive drill for seven prizes followed the parade, but the judges will not announce their decisions until tomorrow. The day's exercises wound up with a grand ball this evening.

Peary's Arctic Trip.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—Lieutenant Peary, the explorer, has been in Washington for the past few days suffering from a severe cold contracted while lecturing. He left today for St. Johns, N. S., to make arrangements for his coming expedition to the polar seas.

In speaking of his trip Lieutenant Peary said that there would be ten in the party accompanying him, and that the start would be made some time between the 16th and 30th of June next, taking the same route as before, going by way of Newfoundland, Baffin's bay and Whale Island. The trip will consume two and a half years.

Lieutenant Peary added a number of prairie wolfskins for clothing and some burros which would be utilized to transport supplies from the edge of the mountains to the inland ice, and upon reaching the ice snow shoes would be placed upon their feet for ice service. He thought these animals would easily survive the winter in the polar regions, and even if they did not much service could be gained from them during the fall months.

Hurled From The Track.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., May 7.—The big passenger train which left Chicago at 8:30 Saturday night, in crossing the Wabash river bridge here at 1:30 this morning, got away from the engineer. The air brakes would not work. The front cars left the track after reaching the depot, tearing down the sheds on the east side of the track. The engine, the baggage, mail and express cars were thrown off the track, hurled some distance and broken to pieces. Six men are known to have been killed.

Blount for Minister.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—The president has appointed James H. Blount, of Georgia, envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the Hawaiian islands, succeeding John L. Stevens, resigned. Mr. Blount's commission bears date of yesterday, and it will be sent him by the next mail for Honolulu.

Lizzie Borden's Trial.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., May 9.—Lizzie Andrew Borden, who has been an inmate of Taunton jail ever since August last under indictment for the murder on August 4, in Fall River, of her father, Andrew Jackson Borden and her stepmother, Abbie Darice Borden, was arraigned yesterday afternoon in the superior court, now in session in this city.

On arriving at the court house Miss Borden was conveyed at once through the rear door to the district attorney's room and remained there till her case was called. Miss Borden was escorted up stairs to the court room at 5:15 o'clock. Sheriff Wright entered first, his wife followed, and then Miss Borden. For perhaps a second she faltered and leaned against the casing, but she immediately regained her self possession and walked firmly along the aisle and took her place in the dock. Her face was flushed and her eyes rested on no one, but were turned, now to the right, then to the left, and again to the ceiling or floor. However great may have been her mental sufferings during her imprisonment, she carries no outward sign of them. She is plump and has a good color and her eyes are bright, and there are apparent no more lines than were visible at the time of her arrest.

When the ripple of excitement which marked her entrance had subsided the district attorney moved that Miss Borden be arraigned, and the clerk of the court said, "Lizzie Andrew Borden, stand up," and she did so, and looked steadily at him, while he read slowly and solemnly three indictments of three counts each. Two of them charged her with the murder of Andrew J. Borden and Annie Durfee Borden, separately, and the third charged her with the murder of both. At the end of each indictment the clerk asked: "Lizzie Andrew Borden, what say you to this indictment—are you guilty or not guilty?" and to each she replied clearly, calmly and steadily, "I am not guilty."

The court was then adjourned, and after waiting a moment or two for the spectators to disperse, Sheriff Wright, his wife and Miss Borden left the room and took the train and returned to Taunton.

Broke All Records.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 10.—The New York Central railroad's Empire state express broke all railroading records yesterday afternoon in the run from Rochester to Buffalo, attaining a speed of 102 1/2 miles an hour. The train was drawn by the new Columbian engine, No. 999, which will be sent to the World's fair.

Miles were made in from 32 to 50 seconds right along until Corfu was reached. The distance from Corfu to Crittendon, four miles, was made in 3 1/2 minutes and the two miles between Wende and Looneyville were reeled off in 1 minute and 30 seconds.

The track from Looneyville to Fork's station is as solid as a rock and well adapted to record-breaking. The distance is nine miles and it was run in 6 minutes and 58 seconds. Just before Fork's was reached a mile was made in 35 seconds, timed by a stop watch. The sixty-nine miles from Rochester to Buffalo was made in 68 minutes.

Robie's Body Found.

SING SING, May 10.—The body of Frank W. Robie, who with Thomas Pallister escaped from the death house in Sing Sing prison on April 20, was found this morning in the Hudson river, directly across the river from Sing Sing. The body was found by three fishermen, State Detective Jackson and Principal Keeper Connaughton identified the body by means of a picture and the prison shoes which the dead murderer wore. The body was very much decomposed.

Fisherman Cronk says he thinks he saw another body further down the river, but did not go after it, as he had the body of Robie in tow. Searching parties are trying to find the body of Pallister in the river. When the body had been washed it was found that Robie had been shot in the right side of the head, and the supposition is that Pallister shot him in order to effect his own escape.

Poor Outlook for Wheat.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—The many returns of the department of agriculture on the condition of winter wheat show a reduction of 2.1 pints from the April average, being 75.3 against 77.4 last month, and 84.0 in May, 1892. The conditions have been favorable to the growth and development of wheat in the New England, South and Pacific states. In California the condition has advanced 10 points, while in the principal wheat producing states there has been considerable deterioration.

Veragua for Ambassador.

CHICAGO, May 10.—It is reported here that the Spanish government will raise the rank of its representative at Washington to ambassador, and will appoint the Duke of Veragua to the post. The duke is apparently ignorant of this movement at Madrid, but his friends do not doubt that he would gladly accept the head of the embassy to Washington if it were offered to him.

Has Regained Consciousness.

HARRISBURG, Pa., May 8.—Ex-Speaker George V. Lawrence who was stricken with apoplexy yesterday regained consciousness this morning. He was able to converse with those at the bedside.

Death of Mrs. Chauncey Dewey.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hagerman Dewey, wife of Chauncey M. Dewey, died at her home 43 West Fifty-fourth street, at 12:30 last Sunday afternoon.

Although Mrs. Dewey was known to be seriously ill, this sudden termination of her illness was not expected by her family and those who were most intimately connected with her. Her condition showed no material change Saturday, but early last Sunday morning the turn for the worse came.

Mrs. Dewey descended from one of the oldest New York families. Her father was the late William Hagerman, a well known dealer in drugs, who traced his ancestors back to the earliest Dutch settlers in New York. Her mother was Miss Nevin, daughter of Colonel Nevin, the once distinguished New York attorney, who himself sprang from an old revolutionary family.

Mrs. Dewey, whose maiden name was Miss Elizabeth Hagerman, was married to Mr. Dewey November 4, 1871. They have had one child, Chauncey Dewey, jr., who is now 14 years old. In spite of the opportunities that her fortune gave her, Mrs. Dewey cared little for society and devoted her time mainly to charitable and church work. She has for years been the president of the Woman's Association of the Hahnemann hospital and was also connected with a score or more of different associations.

During the past two years, however, Mrs. Dewey has been an invalid. She never entirely recovered from an attack of the grip that she had during the epidemic two years ago. During the recent festivities at Fort Mifflin Mrs. Dewey made a trip to that place in the hope of improving her health. This expectation was not realized, however. She became much worse and was brought home feebler than when she left.

Senator McPherson's Opinion.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Senator McPherson, of New Jersey, who is here for a few days prior to his departure for the summer, being a member of the finance committee, has watched the financial situation closely. "I do not believe," said he, "that there is anything in the money situation that will necessitate the president calling an extra session of congress earlier than he intended (probably September 15). The financial condition of the country is all right if the people will only let it alone. The Secretary of the treasury has the confidence of the public, and it is believed that he will be able to meet any contingency that may arise."

Reduced Rates to Muncie, Ind., via Pennsylvania Railroad.

For the benefit of those desiring to attend the Annual Conference of the German Baptists at Muncie, Ind., May 18th to 29th, 1893, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to that point at reduced rates. Tickets to the place of meeting will be sold from May 14th to 20th, inclusive, and will be good for return passage until June 30th.

Those taking advantage of this reduction in fare and extension in limit will be required to have their tickets stamped by the Agent at Muncie on the day of their departure for home.

George Lawrence Stricken with Apoplexy.

HARRISBURG, May 7.—Representative George W. Lawrence, of Washington county, the venerable ex-speaker of the house, was stricken with apoplexy at the Commonwealth hotel to day and his condition is critical.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

The annual Baptist ministerial Conference association was in session in the Milesburg Baptist church on Monday and Tuesday last.

Going down into her cellar to direct plumbers at their work Mrs. Eliza Curtin, an aged lady who lives at the corner of Allegheny and Howard streets, tripped and fell head foremost down the stairs. She cut an ugly gash in her forehead in which Dr. Hayes had to put six stitches before the gap was closed.

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CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION.—In pursuance of the Presidential order of January 5th, 1893, extending the Civil Service Law to all free-delivery post offices, the Civil Service Commission at Washington has ordered that an examination be held in this city Saturday, June 24th, 1893, commencing at 10 o'clock, a. m., for the grades of clerk and carrier in the city post office. Only citizens of the United States can be examined. The age limitations are as follows: For clerk, not under 18 years; for carrier not under 21 nor over 40; for messenger, stamper, etc., not under 16 nor over 45. No application will be accepted for this examination unless filed with the undersigned, on the proper blank, before 12 o'clock, noon, on Tuesday, June 20, 1893.

The Civil Service Commission takes this opportunity of stating that the examinations are open to all reputable citizens who may desire to enter the postal service, without regard to their