

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

MID-SUMMER MATTERS IN AND OUT OF CONGRESS.

The Question of Premium on War Vessels—The Minneapolis—Populist Censure of the President—Disagreement on the Tariff Question—Gorman and Hill.

Special Washington Letter. The successful trial trip of the cruiser Minneapolis, while it has afforded great satisfaction to navy officers, has raised a question as to the policy of paying the speed premium that have hitherto been a part of all contracts for the construction of our new war ships.

The Minneapolis is a triple screw protected cruiser, intended to be a commerce destroyer, and is a duplicate of the cruiser Columbia, which held the record for speed until the late trial of the Minneapolis. The corrected time for the latter vessel over a fifty mile course was 23.73 knots per hour.

Over some miles of the course her speed averaged above twenty-five knots. The value of such a vessel to our naval strength as a nation is simply incalculable. It is safe to say that no great commercial power will wish to attack us so long as we build such vessels.

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It can be safely said that, if the Populists can get the upper hand in the next Congress, an effort will be made to ensure President Cleveland for his action in sending troops into Illinois to protect mail trains and the property of railroads in the hands of United States receivers.

That the conference committees of the Senate and House should disagree on certain items of the tariff schedule was a foregone conclusion. This action does not necessarily involve a loss of the bill, as conference committees frequently disagree.

Distinctly sided with the House side of the controversy indicates that the new bill must follow the lines of the Wilson bill or suffer defeat. Friends of Senator Hill believe that his opportunity has come through the disagreement of the conference committee.

His Art. Mrs. Dix—"Whom do you consider the best actor in romantic roles?" Mrs. Hicks—"My husband. Sometimes his art deceives even me."—New York World.

tion in this Congress, and to have commended the admiration of Republicans so generally. But nobody believes



Senator Hill that he has given up his ambition to be the next Democratic candidate for President, hence the interest in his present views on the tariff.

Cramp's Ship-Yard. In the Century Albert Franklin Matthews describes "The Evolution of a Battleship," mainly with reference to the building of the Indiana, the most formidable engine of war in the world.

The Cramp shipyard has nearly a quarter of a mile of water front. Along this frontage are ships in various stages of construction, some on the stocks and some in the water, illustrating almost every step in the building of a vessel.

Over there is a building where a dozen monster boilers are in construction, and where a traveling crane lifts and moves them as easily as a hotel porter does big trunks. Here are big ship engines, some set up and some taken down.

And here are 5,000 men employed in various capacities—mechanists, wood-workers, molders and perhaps most noticeable of all, riveters in sets of three, one man to hold a big sledge against the red-hot rivet, and two, one right-handed worker and the other left-handed, to pound it until it becomes a part of the ship.

A new building material, called comboard, is thus described by the Northwestern Lumberman: It is made of one-eighth-inch strips of wood, from three-quarters to one and one-quarter inches wide, placed between two sheets of heavy strawboard, and united under heavy pressure with a strong cement.

The strength of the board as compared with its weight is marvellous. The end of an eighteen-foot board can be brought together without breaking or warping it. No conditions can warp it.

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Babies in the Strepie. Rev. Mr. Job, of North Middleboro, Mass., has fitted up in the steeple of his church a play room, in which babies are taken care of by volunteer nurses while the mothers attend divine service.

There are as many men angels as there are women angels.

OUR ALBANY LETTER.

A BIG OCCASION FOR THE ODD FELLOWS.

Dedication of a Beautiful Temple at Albany—The Constitutional Convention—A Setback for Woman Suffrage—State Officials Have a Good Time.

The Albany Odd Fellows had a memorable demonstration this week, the occasion being the laying of the corner stone of the new temple in this city. The visiting members of the fraternity owned the city during their presence here.



Odd Fellows Temple.

It will have a front on Lodge street of 137 feet, and 60 feet on Howard street. The elevation is three stories and a basement. The exterior will be of Albany pressed brick, with brown stone and terra cotta trimmings.

The main lodge rooms are on the second floor, the entrance being on Lodge street. Commodious ante-rooms are attached. The third floor will be devoted to working and committee rooms, and will have a fine parlor. In the basement will be a banquet hall, 40,000 feet, together with kitchen, boiler and storage rooms.

Members of the Constitutional Convention are showing some sensitiveness to the criticism of the press regarding the dilatoriness of their work. The committees are said to be pretty well advanced with their work, and the convention will soon settle down to business.

The report of the sub-committee was voted down by the whole committee. The only proposition likely to be submitted to the convention is that giving women the right to vote at school elections.

The convention has rejected the amendments favoring a change in the present jury system. The action no doubt indicates the conservative character of the convention.

Smokeless Powder Affected by Cold. It has been shown in the course of some recent experiments, which have been made by the Archduke Wilhelm the inspector of the Austrian artillery, that the combustible properties of smokeless powder are greatly reduced by such a fall in temperature as is usual in Austria during a somewhat severe winter.

Found in the Beautiful Seine. Here is a tall-tale array of facts and figures. The following are a few of the "articles" found in the Seine during the year 1893: Of dogs there were 7,652; of cats, 3,307; rats, 9,108; fowls, 1,720; various other birds, 3,942; rabbits, 1,209; young pigs, 789; calves, 7; herons, 4; horses, 3; sheep, 15; monkeys, 13; serpents, 5.

ELKHART CARRIAGE and HARNESS MFG. CO.

Advertisement for Elkhart Carriage and Harness Mfg. Co. listing various models like No. 73, No. 77, and No. 1, with prices ranging from \$11.00 to \$75.00. Includes text about wholesale prices and a 2% discount for cash orders.

"Where dirt gathers, waste rules." Great saving result from the use of SAPOLIO. Advertisement for a cleaning product.

Advertisement for Elys Cream Balm for CATARRH, THE POSITIVE CURE. Includes an illustration of a person and text about the balm's effectiveness.

Advertisement for Long Tales manure. Includes an illustration of a rabbit and text stating "told about manure won't raise paying crops. Baugh's manure is all manure." Manufacturer: BAUGH & SONS COMPANY, Philadelphia.

Advertisement for "I AM NOW A MAN!" featuring a testimonial from a man who cured himself of various ailments using a product from Von Mohl Co.

Advertisement for BLOOMSBURG LAND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY. Capital Stock, \$30,000. Plotted property in the coming business centre of the town. Includes names of directors like B. F. Sharpless and J. L. Dillon.

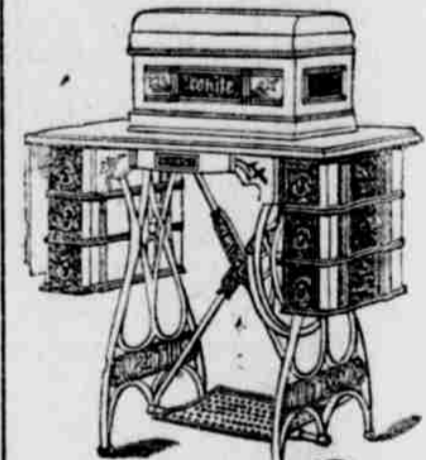
Advertisement for J. G. WELLS, JEWELER AND OPTICIAN. SPECIAL SALE of gold and steel glasses during month of July and August. Eyes examined free of charge.

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Do you want a Sewing Machine?



Do you want any kind of a MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?

Do you want SHEET MUSIC?

If so, do not send your money away from home, but deal with a reliable dealer right here, who will make things right, if there is anything wrong.

J. Saltzer's.

Ware-rooms, Main Street, below Market.

THE MARKETS.

Table listing market prices for various goods including Butter, Eggs, Lard, Ham, Pork, Beef, Wheat, Oats, Rye, Hay, Potatoes, Turnips, Onions, Sweet potatoes, Tallow, Shoulder, Side meat, Vinegar, Dried apples, Dried cherries, Raspberries, Cow Hides, Calf Skin, Sheep pelts, Shelled corn, Corn meal, Bran, Chop, Middlings, Chickens, Turkeys, Geese, Ducks, and COAL.

Advertisement for PARKER'S HAIR BALM, claiming to cleanse and beautify the hair, and prevent dandruff and itching.