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The second session of the Fifteenth Congress convened on Monday.

SEN BUTLER in a speech at Boston a few nights ago predicted that Mexico will be annexed to the United States.

A CHICAGO woman whose husband's death was hastened by the use of alcoholic drinks, and a firm which sold him the liquor and obtained judgment for \$5,000.

A MAN in Newark, N. J., is playing a game of chess with his cousin in Australia by mail. They have been at it for five years. The Newark man now sees defeat staring him in the face.

DURING last month there was \$22,000,000 paid out in pensions. In the face of that record it is not easy to conjecture why the soldier vote should have been cast against Cleveland. No other administration has ever been so liberal to the pensioners.

GOVERNOR BEAVER, on Wednesday appointed a Commission to investigate the alleged frauds in the election of Judge Mezgar, of Lycoming county. As provided by law the commission consists of the three judges nearest to the county where the contest is raised.

MRS. SENATOR FIVE was quoted in the hotels of Washington last night as saying to a lady friend that her husband would not have a cabinet place if offered to him, that he meant to return to the Senate, and that if Mr. Blaine wants his Senate seat he will have to fight for it.

THE announcement was made at Chicago on Wednesday that Mrs. Soell, widow of the millionaire Soell, who was murdered in that city some time ago, had increased the reward for the apprehension of Tascott, the murderer, from \$20,000 to \$50,000 making it the largest reward ever offered in the world.

MISS COLQUHOUN, the daughter of Senator Colquhoun, of Georgia, and Miss Breckenridge, the daughter of Representative W. C. P. Breckenridge, of Kentucky, have applied to the Board of School Trustees of Washington for positions as teachers in the Washington public schools. Their object is to gain experience to teach in the South.

PRESIDENT ELECT HARRISON, a few days ago received as a present, from a Syracuse, N. Y. firm, a handsome hammerless double barreled shot gun. In view of the numerous raids made upon him by the hungry hordes of office-seekers, the firm that made him the present evidently had a good idea of what Mr. Harrison badly needed.

A RECOUNT of the vote of Charles town, West Virginia, gives Alderson (Democrat), for Congress from the third district, a gain of 25 in the city, which elects him by 17. Fleming (Democrat) for Governor, gained 28 votes. This will, it is believed, give the Democrats the Governor also, and settle finally the question that has so long hung fire.

AT Washington, the Democratic members of the naval affairs committee, say there will be no difference in the policy to be pursued by the committee in making appropriations for a new navy. President Harrison's administration will be given the same amount of money for new ships as has been appropriated in the bills passed during Cleveland's administration.

A NUMBER of clergymen of Protestant denominations and other prominent citizens have issued a circular stating that the number of Protestant churches in proportion to population in New York has declined 50 per cent. since 1840, and calling for a conference at Chickering Hall, December 3, 4, 5, to discuss the religious needs of the people and devise means for meeting the same.

THE great six days' walking match in New York ended on Saturday, with George Littlewood, an Englishman, as the champion. He beat the record of James Albert, who in February last walked 621 miles and 7 laps. Littlewood made 623 miles and 6 laps, and could have added several miles to his score. All he cared to do, however, was to beat Albert's record and this he has done with seeming ease.

MRS. JAMES G. BLAINE, Jr., has announced her intention of going on the stage being forced into a position where she must earn her own living and support her child. She says several offers have been made to her, but she declined to state from whom, or in what capacity she expected to make her debut. No word from her husband has been received by her. She has been at least well advertised.

THE total Prohibition vote in the country will be about 250,000, not the round million that was claimed—a gain of about 100,000 over St. John's vote four years ago. So far as reported the vote has increased in all the States with the exception of Massachusetts, where it fell from 9,925 in 1884 to 8,636 this year; New Hampshire, which shows a decrease of 3 votes, and Vermont, where the vote dropped from 1,753 to 1,459.

THE London Standard's correspondent at Rome says: "The French government has secretly advised the Pope to leave Italy in the event of a rupture between France and Italy, and has offered all possible assistance in the event of his deciding to go to France. The Tribune hears that the Pope has charged Monsignor Galimberti to visit the duke of Leuchtenstein and thank him for his generous offer. It says that his holiness has no present intention of leaving Rome, but that if Italy becomes involved in a war he would willingly take refuge at Viterbo."

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Cameron, Quay and Bayne.

It is among the certainties that Congressman Thomas M. Bayne, of Allegheny county, is an aspirant for the United States senatorship two years hence, when the term of Senator Cameron shall expire. Bayne has been ambitious of senatorial honors these many years and is a bitter and unrelenting anti-Cameron man. He formerly was a member of the Republican party, but he has since become a Democrat.

The composition of a President-elect Harrison's cabinet may have an important influence upon the politics of Pennsylvania. For example, if John Sherman should become Secretary of the Treasury, Senator Cameron would be greatly strengthened, and his enemies in the Republican party would find it difficult to get rid of him.

A hog was butchered in Chariton, Ga., a few days since, and in the maw of the swine were found some 22 malle and a lot of pieces of iron supposed to have been pieces of a boiler. The hog was apparently healthy.

So great has the rabbit pest become in Australia that a rabbit-proof fence is now being built between Queensland and New South Wales, a distance of 500 miles. The fence is of wire netting, and will be five feet high and sunk into the ground nine inches.

The largest professional fee for limited service is said to have been paid to Surgeon Major Freyer, of the Indian medical service for treating the Nawab of Rampoor for a wandering breast bone, rheumatic fever. The Nawab gave him a lac of rupees, \$500,000.

A Pennsylvania railroad engine collided with a street car at the Cedar street crossing, Philadelphia, Monday night. Elijah Stone, the driver, was instantly killed. John Martin, a passenger, was probably fatally injured. The engineer and fireman of the engine were arrested.

The bankruptcy of a Dakota cattle raiser makes it a matter of court record that he wears No. 12 boots, for two pairs of which a creditor wants pay at regular intervals. A pair of such solid standing might have been expected to have kept his business on a better footing.

Robert Parsons, aged eleven years, and other boys of about the same age, played "Wild West" with loaded revolvers at Dover on Thanksgiving Day. The show came to an end after the boys had been shot in the face. Joseph Smith was held in \$500 bail on the charge of doing the shooting.

Miss Bertha K. Haze, clerk in the Revenue Collector's office, in Harrisburg, who disappeared last Monday, leaving a short note of \$5,000 in the possession of her mother, is thought to be in the city of Philadelphia. Her father has made good the shortage.

The Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph on Monday published good authority that Vanderbilts, A. McTombly, and Christopher Myers have sold their interest in the South Pennsylvania Railroad company to Andrew Carnegie. It is not known whether he is going to finish the road or sell it to the Pennsylvania.

Colorado bids fair to rival Pennsylvania as an oil State. In the valley of the Arkansas, near Pueblo, about 20 wells have been bored, and the yield is a thousand barrels a day. The oil is of good quality, and what is better, has an agreeable odor. There are no gas wells as yet, but the average flow surpasses what other States have afforded.

News comes from Jonesville, Lee county, Va., that nearly all the business houses in that town were destroyed by fire on Friday night. The total loss is \$100,000. On Monday Henry O. Chalton, one of the heaviest losers, charged Daniel C. and Berry Craig with setting fire to his premises, and the confessions. In the light that ensued Daniel Craig was killed instantly and his brother died a few hours later of wounds received.

Mrs. Emma Jackson, of Glasgow, Mo., aged twenty, was shot and instantly killed by her brother, Harvey Baker, a lad of fourteen, at 11 o'clock Friday morning. The woman had asked Harvey to get a bucket of water and he refused. She threatened to whip him and went after the water herself. As she was entering the door of the room her brother showed the muzzle of a shotgun at her face and fired, tearing her left jaw and neck to pieces.

There lies in the city hospital of Indianapolis, suffering with fever, an aged Englishman named John Levick, who has a curious history. He is one of the very few survivors of the awful charge at Balaclava in the month of hell—celebrated by Tennyson's poem, "The Charge of the Light Brigade." He has papers establishing his identity. Becoming a plumber he fell sick with a wasting nature, and died in his home. On the steps of the Methodist church, at Elm, Ill., Sunday, Lon Houston and Josh Hazlewood settled an old grudge. Both men drew their revolvers, seven shots being fired rapidly, everyone taking effect. Houston was struck in the breast, once in the shoulder, and twice in the right leg, while Hazlewood was shot in the right side, which penetrated the lung, and twice in the leg. A panic took place in the church. Houston, as the aggressor, was arrested, but it is thought both will die.

James McNeil, of Cambridge, Mass., carries in his leg a piece of money which he swallowed the coin while running. Seven years ago he noticed what seemed to be a lump in his leg in about the spot where the coin now rests, and in a year or two was able to feel a little hard, round lump. It now lies under not more than a quarter of an inch of flesh and skin, does not trouble his owner in the least, and can only be found by pulling up the flesh. Four or five physicians have examined the projection and declare that it is a silver coin beyond all doubt. McNeil has been offered \$100 by a doctor to allow him to cut the coin out.

NEWS AND OTHER NOTINGS.

Mrs. Cleveland is worth \$500,000 in her own name, and the President has accumulated about \$250,000 more.

Mrs. Anne Sester and her grown daughter, living near Saratoga, Ohio, were taken out and whipped Tuesday night by White Caps.

A California farmer, believing that cats will exterminate squirrels and gophers, purchased a large number and set them at liberty on his land.

John Delcoul laid down on the railroad track at Fairview, Northampton county, on Thursday night and a train cut his leg off. He was intoxicated.

It is stated that no distant day coal-cutting machines will be at work in nearly every colliery in the Clearfield region, and will meet with objection.

A watch has been presented to Mrs. Cleveland on behalf of 550 girls employed in a Philadelphia watch case factory as a specimen of their handiwork.

For nearly 12 years Mrs. Rebecca Boutwell has superintended the operations of a stationary engine and pump used in filling a railroad company's water tank near Eastman, Ga.

Liquor dealers who give credit in Vermont cannot collect the amount of their bills. The courts have officially declared whisky not to be a person gratia in that State.

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