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The second session of the Fifteenth Congress convened on Monday.

BEN 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 alcohol drinks, sued 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 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 McLean, 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 FRYE was quoted 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. Snell, widow of the millionaire Snell, 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 COLQUITT, the daughter of Senator Colquitt, of Georgia, and Miss Breckinridge, the daughter of Representative W. C. P. Breckinridge, 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 numberless 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 ton, 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 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.

BENJAMIN HARRISON will be 55 years 6 months and 14 days old when he is inaugurated President of the United States. Three other Presidents were 55 years old at the beginning of their administrations. They were Martin Van Buren, Zachary Taylor and Rutherford B. Hayes. Lincoln became President at 52. John Tyler and Chester A. Arthur were 51. Millard Fillmore was 50. Franklin Pierce and James A. Garfield were 49. Grover Cleveland was 48. Grant was 47. All other Presidents were older than General Harrison. His grandfather was aged 68 years when he was inaugurated President March 4, 1841.

A NEW system of voting will go into effect in Massachusetts two years hence, by which it will be impossible for employers or others to intimidate their employees or know how they vote. Every voter will go into the polling booth alone, where, unseen by employer, detective or any other person, he will check off from the long roll of the single ballot the names he desires to vote for, the ticket being similar to those used at our primary elections.

THE fourth anniversary of the formation of the Eighteenth Ward Democratic Association, Philadelphia, was celebrated last Friday night. Chauncey F. Black, President of the Democratic Societies of Pennsylvania, sent the following letter, which was read and loudly applauded:

"The Democrats of Philadelphia in the late contest covered themselves with glory; and your association has every reason to be proud of its long and honorable record and to look forward to a future of brilliant work. If I know the Democratic party, and I think I do, the standard lifted in the late struggle will not be lowered a hair's-breadth. The battle for reform will go on as it has begun and it will be won soon and easily."

"It appears now that Mr. Cleveland received at the late election a very fair majority of the popular vote. Does the result of that engagement therefore afford any reason for discouragement to the Democracy?

"On the contrary, I regard it as a great and splendid victory. We lose, through the operation of antiquated electoral system, official power in the Federal government, and with it the various patronage which is generally a source of political weakness. On the other hand, we have polled a majority of the people of the United States against unjust taxation and in favor of industrial freedom. The power of the tariff superstition has been broken and its hideous idols have been smashed in their own temples. The Democratic outlook for the future was never brighter than it is this day. We have only to keep our Democratic societies alive and active, and to carry the gospel of free government and power to every class of people, and more especially to the conservative agriculturists, to make our final triumph sure and lasting."

"I earnestly solicit the aid of the Eighteenth Ward Democratic Association in the prosecution of this important work, of which the Democratic Society of Pennsylvania is the central agency in this great commonwealth. I believe that with honest endeavor in this direction all around we can promise you, for 1890, a 'tidal wave' like that of 1874, which will sweep down over the Bourbon Federalists, with all their false pretenses and all their schemes of power. You will remember that in 1872 the Democrats suffered something more than a Bull Run disaster, but in '74 they had their Gettysburg, and in '76 their Appomattox. With a system of Democratic societies, properly sustained and extended, I feel as certain as that I now live that the Democratic party will go back into executive power in 1892, with an overwhelming majority behind it, to remain there at least for a quarter of a century to come."

THE Democratic majority in the House, if the expressions of the leaders to be accepted as final says the Philadelphia *Herald* will not investigate the alleged frauds committed by the Republicans during the campaign and at the election. The frauds, it is said, are palpable and unquestionably determined the result of the vote on the Presidential Electors in two of the pivotal States and in a number of the Congressional districts. But there will be no inquiry and no effort to fasten the crimes on the perpetrators of them.

It is not stated why the Democratic majority in the House proposed to adopt this policy of inaction. It is certainly not for the reason that there is any doubt as to the authority to investigate. That is absolute and unquestioned. It may be that it is estimated that the time is too short. But that is not a valid excuse. An obvious duty should be attempted anyway, and even if it isn't consummated the proper spirit is thereby shown.

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SHERIFF MARTIN VAN BUREN GIFFORD of Erie county, is publicly charged with ill treating prisoners in the county jail by underfeeding and refusing to furnish them with soap and other essentials to personal cleanliness, at the same time refusing to allow food, etc., to be sent in by friends of the prisoners. A year ago the County Commissioners moved against the sheriff in this same direction, and took him into court on a rule to show cause why the price of boarding prisoners, as he did it, should not be reduced from \$3 to \$2 each per week. There was a big fight over the matter, and the sheriff got the best of it, inasmuch as he still gets full price while there is no betterment of the fare, according to the revenue policy of the future.—*Pittsburgh Post*.

Cleveland's Last Message.

President Cleveland's last annual message to Congress is a calm, dignified, straightforward document, in which there is not a trace of the disappointment of defeat. It is an elaborate paper, embracing summaries of the various departments of the government along with his views of general publications on the national revenue and finances, omitting the department details which are given in the regular reports.

The President presents the tax issue with its inseparable relations to centralized wealth and the oppression of industry, as well as the question of day labor, and enforces his conviction with facts and arguments which are unanswerable. It will be easy to brush them aside at present, with the flush of party victory that is held to be the answer of the nation to his policy; but when the time comes to consider again, it will be turned to and regarded with quickened interest in the near future, when its predictions will appear realized. The slave power of the Republic never was so defiant as in 1857, when Buchanan entered the Presidency by the defeat of the Republicans and with the Dred Scott decision, just delivered, nationalizing human bondage. What followed is too fresh in the nation's history to need recapitulation. One brief administration sealed the doom of slavery, and it was saved itself, but it would be easier or nothing, and it died unlaunched.

That was a great battle for the emancipation of slaves from the chains and lash of the master; the present battle for the emancipation of free labor from the chains and lash of the monopolist and the struggle necessarily accelerated by the now common assumption that centralized wealth has won the victory by its money and that tax reduction upon the necessities of life and the restraint of monopoly oppression of industry, have been secured indefinitely by a solemn verdict of the people. Now as in 1857, the legitimate rights of the victors can be fully realized with the cordial assent of the nation; and now, as then, any attempt to give absolute mastery to oppression, must result in defeat. The man has

now need to study with intelligent care the suggestions and admonitions than President-elect Harrison, for he is the man who must grapple with the issue when the echoes of party victory shall have perished.

The Union desire a judicious protective policy. There is no room for legislation in this direction all around we can promise you, for 1890, a 'tidal wave' like that of 1874, which will sweep down over the Bourbon Federalists, with all their false pretenses and all their schemes of power. You will remember that in 1872 the Democrats suffered something more than a Bull Run disaster, but in '74 they had their Gettysburg, and in '76 their Appomattox. With a system of Democratic societies, properly sustained and extended, I feel as certain as that I now live that the Democratic party will go back into executive power in 1892, with an overwhelming majority behind it, to remain there at least for a quarter of a century to come."

Good Work Well Done.

Two important achievements stand out prominently in the report of Secretary Whitney of the navy department.

In March, 1885, when the Cleveland administration went in, we relied on England, who had a large armament and steel forging for heavy guns.

At that time contracts with English manufacturers were pending for armor and gun steel, amounting to \$227,365. Secretary Whitney at once discontinued purchases abroad, and set himself to the task of getting the largest possible amount of the offices in the revenue service.

Therefore as the matter now stands it looks as if Quay will be boss for the next two years and that the election of his colleague in the senate in 1891 will be virtually in his hands, unless the Democrats should have a windfall in the election of members of the legislature.

Harrison Patriot.

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. Mr. Bayne has been ambitious of senatorial honors these many years, and a bitter and unrelenting antagonist of Cameronism. He

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

John Driscoll 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 machine 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 handicraft.

—For nearly 13 years Mrs. Rebecca Bentwell 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 legally collect the amount of their bills. The courts have officially declared whisky not to be a person gratis in that state.

—A hog was butchered in Charlton, Ga., a few days since, and in the maw of the swine were found some 22 nails and a lot of glass, supposed to have been pieces of bottle. The hog was apparently healthy.

—So far as Australia is concerned, there is a rabbit-proof fence 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 one inch.

—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 Rampur for three months' suffering from rheumatic fever. The Nawab gave him a lac of rupees, \$300,000.

—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 retail rates. A man of such 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 abrupt end after Parsons had been dangerously shot in the face. Joseph Smith was held in \$100 bond on the charge of doing the shooting.

—Mrs. Jennie Greenwell, of Grand Tower, Ill., has been lodged in jail at Murphyboro, Ill., on a charge of murder. She separated recently from her husband, Robert Greenwell, and, meeting him on the street Saturday, shot him twice through the body. The wounds were fatal. Jealousy seems to have been the cause of the shooting. Mrs. Greenwell is a beautiful blonde, about twenty-seven years of age. Robert Greenwell, her husband, was a son of Judge Joseph Greenwell, formerly president resident of Perry county, Mo. Greenwell claims that she intended to commit suicide when she met him on the street, but he presented her, when on lowering the revolver, it went off, accidentally hitting her.

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—Miss Bertha K. Haag, clerk in the Revenue Collector's office, in Harrisburg, who disappeared last Thursday, leaving a short sum of \$6,600 in the Government's account, lost the money in stock speculation, and it is thought a considerable sum was spent in high living. Her bondsmen have made good the shortage.

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

—Mrs. Emma Jackson, of Glasgow, Mo., aged twenty, was shot and instantly killed by her brother, Harvey Ballow, a lad of fourteen, at 11 o'clock Friday morning.

The woman had asked Harvey to get a pistol and, hearing him say he had a pistol, she ran to 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 an extremely bad case of rheumatism. He is one of the very few survivors of the immortal six hundred who made that awful charge at Balaklava in the mouth of the Tocantino and Araguaia, tributaries of the Amazon. A line of steamers will ply between Para and the coast of the Tocantino, 300 miles from the water. As she was entering the harbor, the steamer struck a rock and was dashed to pieces.

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