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SECRETARY OF WAR PROCTOR retired last week, to accept the Senatorship from Vermont, made vacant by the resignation of Edmunds. His successor in the War Office will probably be appointed by the President within a few days.

The grand jury at Pittsburg, on Monday returned true bills in the Quay libel suits against the Post publishing company and Albert J. Barr and James Mills, proprietor and editor, respectively. The suits will probably come up for trial in a few days.

GOVERNOR PATTON has refused to interfere in the case of twenty-five grocers of Washington county, who were each fined \$100 and costs for selling oleomargarine. The grocers declared that they had been deceived, and thought they were selling butter.

JAMES G. BLAINE, Secretary of State is playing fast and loose with his friends in the interest of Benjamin Harrison, or in playing fast and loose with Benjamin Harrison in the interest of himself. It will take time to develop which party is to be disappointed.

The present Speaker of the National House of Representatives is the thirty-second man to hold that enviable position in public life. There have been fifty-one Congresses but only thirty-one Speakers. Henry Clay was elected Speaker six times, and Blaine, Cox, Randall, Carlisle, and Nathaniel Bacon, of North Carolina, filled the office three times each.

Another visitation of the "grip" is anticipated over the country generally. It seems to be an aggravated form of what formerly was called influenza, though in many instances it assumes forms peculiar to itself, and may be entitled to the name by which it is generally known. In many places in Europe the disease is reported to be raging with fatal severity.

COLLECTOR WARMCASTLE, of Pittsburg, another of Senator Quay's friends and appointees, has been getting into trouble with the government over his accounts. He has been speculating with public funds and has lost. Now he is pleading to be permitted to resign and Senator Quay and Christ Magee are laboring with the President to save him from the disgrace of dismissal from office.

SPEAKER CRISP has not yet announced the committee on rules, which he must do before Congress adjourns for the holiday recess, if he would have the full list of committees ready to submit to the House upon the resuming in January. The impression still prevails generally that Messrs. Springer and McMillin will be the Democratic associates of the speaker on that committee, but no official sanction has been given to it yet.

Our Washington correspondent, says the *New York Herald*, informs us that the Democratic leaders have decided to attempt at present no tariff revision, but will try to achieve a few substantial results in the obliteration of duties on raw materials through separate bills. This will leave the party in position to attack the McKinley bill next fall if it chooses and will prevent it from having a bill of its own in attacking which the Republicans would put it upon the defensive. In the meantime business will not be disturbed by tariff tinkers, and the party will go into the fight unsharpened by demagogues.

A Washington dispatch says: When the House is in a condition to proceed to business Representative Bryan will propose a constitutional amendment that if adopted, will permit any state so desiring to elect its United States Senators by the vote of the people. Another measure he has in view is to compel the sale of all property under the United States court process in the country where the property is sold, and causing the advertising of the same to be likewise made in the county. Another measure he proposes to push to passage, if he can, is one providing that after a certain amount has been realized the inventor of a patented article shall cease to be protected.

The Senate in its brief session on Monday added 214 to the list of bills introduced, making the total for two days 827. Among them were bills to erect monuments to General U. S. Grant and Mary Washington; to organize the much discussed permanent census bureau; to repeal the law prohibiting ex-Confederates from entering the army and navy of the United States, and a number of important merchant marine and shipping bills, presented by Mr. Frye, of Maine, from the committee on commerce. Proposed increased pension legislation received several accessions, including a bill pensioning all soldiers who fought in Indian wars. Two additional bills were added to the already long list of Chinese restriction measures. The Senate, in secret session, referred a number of recess appointments received from the President to the appropriate committees. The list includes 261 postmasters and a large number of army and navy appointments. At the request of Senator Allen, of Washington, the nomination of Andrew Wasson as collector of customs at Puget Sound was confirmed.

The Philadelphia Record, in speaking of the President's message says: Without accepting his deductions from the facts which he presents in regard to the beneficial working of tariff and silver legislation; the facts themselves in their relation to the prosperity and future advancement of the country should be carefully considered. The tariff policy of the Administration already stands condemned by the popular judgment. The silver experiment, while successful as a means of temporarily buying off the interested advocates of free coinage by taking their bullion at market rates, is a confessed failure as a means of advancing the price of silver or of awakening international interest in a system of bimetalism. The experiment cannot be indefinitely continued without the gravest danger. But the President has only hopes and opinions; he makes no new recommendations to Congress as to the means of extrication from a condition of financial peril.

That part of the message devoted to foreign affairs is interesting, but it contains no matter especially new or important. There is an unreserved approval of the management of the United States representatives in Chile, and a promise of a special message on the subject of the Valparaiso outrage when full information of the new Chilean Government shall have been received. This is the only sock of serious consequence. Reciprocity is passed over with a hint of the difficulties of making it as a part of the reciprocity scheme. A great variety of topics of minor interest are touched upon. There is an unreserved recommendation that the Government shall be empowered to dispose of the bonds issued for the construction of the Nicaragua Ship Canal. Subsidies are also approved, and a tentative endorsement given a scheme of postal telegraphy.

Upon the subject of pensions the tone of the message is apologetic. The enormous expenditure will not reach to the aggregate expected. The Commissioner of Pensions thinks he may go along this year without a deficiency appropriation, but that \$144,028,000 will do for the next fiscal year. This statement carries its own comment.

In the tail of his message the President mentions the boost which Providence has given the country in our abundant harvests. He had no apparent inclination to trace the effect of this unregulated opulence upon the legislative experiments of his administration, but such a digression would have been instructive. It is necessary to a proper view of all schemes of finance or revenue.

The only topic which the President approaches with any touch of asperity is that suggested by the action of the state of Michigan in authorizing the choice of Presidential electors by Congressional districts instead of upon a general ticket. He probably feels a personal interest in this change which accounts for his warm denunciation of gerrymandering and the dangers that may grow out of it. But the Michigan scheme is not a gerrymander, and is innocuous itself being the policy of admitting new states in order to defeat the real choice of the people.

Before there is any talk of war with Chili, says the *Pittsburg Post*, all the resources of arbitration so warmly commended by Mr. Blaine's Pan-American Congress should be exhausted. There should be no honor or glory in going to war with that country, which has a population about half that of the state of Pennsylvania.

The trouble about our relations with Chili is that our own people to a very great extent are not satisfied of the wisdom or justice of the administration's policy. If Balmaceda, the tyrannical and bloody usurper, had triumphed, then everything would have been all right. The United States would most likely have come in for a choice cut. But the Congressional party triumphed, and with it the cause of orderly and constitutional government. As the influence of the American administration was thrown for Balmaceda, what more natural than that the constitutionalists should manifest their anger. This has been invited by the retention of Pat Egan as minister to avoid the confusion of an awful blunder in his appointment. The affair with the Baltimore sailors, in which the facts and law are disputed, is a proper subject for arbitration.

There is danger the administration is intent upon stirring up a war feeling to cloud over its blunders. But the Chilean manifesto sent to its foreign ministers puts a different complexion on the questions in dispute, and calls for further investigation on our side. When the House is fully organized for business one of its first acts should be, and probably will be, to reach out for all the facts, and especially the official and personal conduct of Minister Egan. If we are asked to resort to extreme measures against Chili it is all the more important our case should be impregnable, because of the wide disparity in the power and resources of the two nations. We cannot afford to bully a weaker power, with no motive to quarrel with us, but all its interests the other way, to help Secretary Blaine out of his Egan blunder.

Washington Letter.
 WASHINGTON, D. C. Dec. 12th, 1891.
 Mr. Harrison's annual message to Congress is a strong bid for renomination at the hands of his party, and all that remains to be done is to make his nomination certain that Mr. Blaine shall write that letter which the public has for a year or more been expecting. He is declaring that he will under no circumstances accept the nomination. He may or may not write such a letter; just now his agent positively stated that he will do so in a few days.

The only part of the message deserving of the slightest commendation is that dealing with the severest foreign complications which have occurred during the past year. The rest of it with one or two exceptions is worthy only of the commendation of those who believe in Democratic ideas of the administration of the Government. He strongly endorses the Government guarantee of the \$100,000,000 of bonds which exist in Democratic hands, and estimates as necessary to build the Nicaragua canal; he wants to interfere with the sovereign rights of a state as lately exercised by the Michigan Legislature by the adoption of a Constitutional amendment providing a method for the election of members of Congress and the electoral college—Constitutional amendment which Senator Miller estimates as necessary to build the Nicaragua canal; he wants to interfere with the sovereign rights of a state as lately exercised by the Michigan Legislature by the adoption of a Constitutional amendment providing a method for the election of members of Congress and the electoral college—Constitutional amendment which Senator Miller estimates as necessary to build the Nicaragua canal; he wants to interfere with the sovereign rights of a state as lately exercised by the Michigan Legislature by the adoption of a Constitutional amendment providing a method for the election of members of Congress and the electoral college—Constitutional amendment which Senator Miller estimates as necessary to build the Nicaragua canal.

In Death Embrace.
 The McDole family, consisting of the mother aged 81, a daughter 60, and a son of 65, all lived in a house isolated from Elizabethtown, O. They were miserly and unamiable. The mother and daughter slept in a room across the hall from where the son slept.

Edward Field Arrested.
 New York, Dec. 14.—Edward M. Field, son of Cyrus W. Field, and partner in the bankrupt brokerage firm of Field, Lindley, Wheeler & Co., No. 1 Broadway, was arrested to-night by a Central office detective on an indictment charging him with grand larceny in the amount of \$50,000. The warrant charged Edward M. Field with appropriating securities and the collateral property of the firm of Field, Lindley, Wheeler & Co., No. 1 Broadway. There are said to be a number of similar warrants now in issue, all of which will be brought forward to-morrow when Field will be arraigned in the court of criminal sessions. District Attorney Nicol has had the impression that Edward M. Field was not insane, but in reality seeking to escape justice. The district attorney is in consultation with Inspector Byrnes for some time relative to the whereabouts of Field and the advisability of placing him under arrest. To-day Nicol advised and readily got the signature of Judge M. Martine.

Enclosed out of \$5,600.
 NEWBURY, Dec. 12.—The Newbury police department received to-night a dispatch from Walden to look for two men who have lunched Robert B. Crowell of St. Andrews, near Walden, out of \$5,600. It is said they passed the money in the hands of peddlers and the game worked on the rich old farmer is known as the gold brick game. The old farmer is well known in this city, where he ranges miles of road. He is probably seventy years old, and has a large family of grown-up children. He has long kept his account in the Quasi-national bank here, which instituting a check system, he insisted on having bills of \$1,000 denomination. These were given him, and it is believed he got out of the bank and received the supposed gold brick in return.

Argument of Dynamite.
 BRANTZ, Ind., Dec. 12.—Following on the White Cap notices posted throughout the Indiana coal region on Thursday, a dynamite bomb was exploded in the Pratt mine, a few miles north of here, early yesterday. The bomb was placed in a five cylinder, which was shattered to atoms. Coal Bluff Mining company was shut down and operations cannot be resumed for at least a week. The mine in which the outrage occurred was one of the few making an attempt to run in the Indiana coal belt. Had the bomb been exploded five minutes sooner the mine would have been blown into eternity.

Arrested for Kidnaping.
 UNKONTOWN, Pa., December 14.—Justice Wilson has issued warrants for the arrest of Councilman W. C. McCormick and George Miller, charging them with kidnaping. The information was made by Joseph Humberston of Henry Clay township, thirty-five miles south of here, who says that McCormick and Miller drove up to his place yesterday and snatched the wife of a neighbor. They had gone some distance Humberston became suspicious and, mounting a horse, attempted to rescue the boy, but was driven off by McCormick, who furnished a revolver. McCormick claims that the child is his and that he left him with the Humberstons to raise seven years ago.

Mr. Wallace Regains His Property.
 CLEARFIELD, Pa., Dec. 13.—In court here yesterday morning before Judge Fust of Bellefonte, S. M. McEwen, Allison O. Smith and W. F. Wallace, assignees of the estate of Hon. W. A. Wallace, recovered the property taken to the assignor. The deed was at once acknowledged and the matter closed up. This act gives Mr. Wallace absolute control of all his property, and gives him until September next to pay, and the creditors of another year. The people here are wild with excitement and trouble is expected. They claim they will be able to pay in full.

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SEALED AND OTHER NOTICES.
 —James Carson, a mail carrier of Tionesta, was held up and robbed of a sum of money on Saturday morning.
 —An unknown person threw some vitrol at Mrs. Carrie Holmstrom, at Philadelphia on Saturday, disfiguring her for life.
 —By an explosion of gas in the Hillman vein coal colliery at Wilkesbarre on Saturday last, Hugh Jones, the foreman, and James Kitterick, a miner, were fatally burned.
 —A falling tree crushed Wallace Purdue to death near Parkersburg, W. Va., last Christmas. He was to have been married to his bride when the accident occurred.
 —The Roger's wooden factory, on Big Bear-creek, Locoming county, with all the stock and machinery, was destroyed by fire on Friday evening, the work, it is believed, of an incendiary. Loss, \$10,000; insurance, \$3,750.
 —A ghost has driven the workmen out of the 700-foot level of the Anaconia copper mine at Butte, Mont. It is said to sit on the hill, and has been seen by many persons.
 —William Jewell, who was employed in a furniture factory at Hughesville, Locoming county, was struck in the abdomen by a cross cut saw on last Friday, receiving a terrible wound from the effects of which he died on Sunday. He leaves a family.

Workmen digging the Harlem ship canal at the upper end of Manhattan Island, while at work sixteen feet below the river bed in an incipient peat formation, have found the task of a mastodon. It is four feet long and six inches in diameter at the butt. It must have lain where found many centuries.
 —About 11 o'clock on Sunday night, says the *Greensburg Press*, the large barn of the Younghighy Company, just across the river from Stateville, near Taylor station, on the Pittsburg, McKeesport & Younghighy railroad, was burned, together with all the contents, including five valuable mules, which were tied up in the stable barn. Loss, \$3,500 to \$4,000; partially insured.
 —Mr. and Mrs. William Fessler, of Williamsport, rose on Saturday morning, leaving their two children—a 3-year-old boy and an 8-months-old babe—asleep. About 7:30 o'clock the little boy went down stairs and told his mother the bed was on fire. She ran up and found both the cradle and the bed on fire. The babe was so badly burned that it died at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. It is supposed the little boy left a lighted lamp fall on the bed.

Franklin B. Kratz, aged forty years, a farmer residing near Henderson station, Bucks county, was hounded to the State penitentiary on Friday, his mind having been deranged. It is alleged, through the mistake made by Sheriff Rover several weeks ago, in calling at the farm and making a levy on his property. After the man was committed to the penitentiary, the man was discovered, the man was freed, and the man was freed. The man was freed, and the man was freed. The man was freed, and the man was freed.

School Report.
 Report of Summerhill schools for month ending December 7th, 1891:
 Room No. 4.—Number enrolled—males, 14; females, 12. Average attendance—males, 19; total, 31. Per cent. of attendance—males, 93; females, 92. Those perfect in attendance: Richard Costello, Lenore Plummer, Stella Taylor, Myrtle Brown, Edna Seaman, Carrie Seaman, Doris M. Clarron, Annie Sipe and Ida Seaman.
 Room No. 2.—Number enrolled—males, 17; females, 15. Average attendance—males, 15; females, 17; total, 32. Per cent. of attendance—males, 88; females, 88. Those perfect in attendance: Walter Dimond, Roscoe Seaman, Howard Dimond, Albert Dimond, Nettie Long, Sarah Jennie Boston, Nettie Long, Sarah Jennie Plummer, Lizzie Werner, Katie Mayers, Anna Gable, Annida Hill, Lilly Angus and Gussie Seaman.
 Room No. 1.—Number enrolled—males, 15; females, 20. Average attendance—males, 20; females, 21; total, 41. Per cent. of attendance—males, 85; females, 83. Those perfect in attendance: Stella McClarren, Zeta Dimond, Sadie Myers, Jessie Myers, Nellie Wentworth, Della Burroughs, Myrtle Gable, Hettie Sigz, Clair Plummer, Lizzie Dimond, Albert Dimond, Nettie Long, Sarah Jennie Plummer, Lizzie Werner, Katie Mayers, Anna Gable, Annida Hill, Lilly Angus and Gussie Seaman.

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