

Admission of Utah as a state continues before the Senate committee on territories.

The best explanation of the northern lights seen in the heavens on Sunday night is that it is a certain indication of a Democratic victory this fall.

The Indiana Democratic delegation to the national convention will be instructed to support ex-Governor Gray for the presidential nomination.

STATE CHAIRMAN WRIGHT has arranged for Pennsylvania headquarters at the Sherman House, Chicago, during the Democratic national convention.

A BILL has been favorably reported by the Senate for the relief of the heirs of John Howard Payne, author of "Home, Sweet Home." The amount is \$205 and has been due since 1852 when Payne was consul at Tunis.

A NUMBER of prominent New Jersey Democrats met in New York last week and organized for active work in the presidential campaign. They adopted resolutions advocating tariff reform as the leading issue, opposing unlimited free coinage and urging the nomination of Grover Cleveland.

WHEELER KELL, Minister to France, will resign his office and return to the United States to re-enter the field of journalism. He is one of the heaviest stockholders in the New York Tribune, and upon his return next month he will again resume editorial control of that paper.

JAMES G. BLAINE is an astute politician. He would like to be President of the United States. He knows that he can be nominated by acclamation. Why then doesn't he desire the nomination? Because he cannot be elected. Blaine isn't as strong as he was in 1884, while the Democracy is in better condition to-day than it ever was before.

The Mississippi Legislature on Tuesday passed a law making it unlawful for any person to sell, barter, or give away cigarettes, smoking or chewing tobacco or snuff to any child under the age of 18, unless authorized in writing by the parent or guardian of said child, under a penalty of \$20 to \$100 fine or imprisonment of not less than one or not more than three months, or both. The House passed a resolution prohibiting the smoking of cigarettes in public places.

PORTIONS of the country districts in western Pennsylvania have been flooded lately with delusive circulars from New York green goods men. The letters are confidential and unfold a bright future for the man who will avail himself of the opportunity to gain wealth at comparatively a small cost. The intended victim is cautioned not to write but to telegraph when he will come on to purchase the green goods and a meeting place at some point within fifty miles of the city will be arranged.

A SPECIAL dispatch to the Philadelphia Times from Washington, D. C., says: It is an open secret within limited political circles in this city that a movement for a re-nomination between the President and Senators Cameron and Quay has been in progress for some days, and it is confidently asserted that it will be consummated before Senator Quay's return from Florida, by which our Pennsylvania Senators will resume their control of Pennsylvania patronage and Harrison will be given the vote of Pennsylvania for re-nomination.

At a meeting of the Chicago Blaine club held in that city on Tuesday evening it was decided to go to Minneapolis and make every honorable attempt to secure the nomination of James G. Blaine for President. Several speeches were made in which Mr. Blaine's recent letter declaring he would not be a candidate was discussed, and the conclusion was reached that the present Secretary of State should be willing to accept the nomination for the sake of the party, and the conviction was expressed that Minneapolis convention would unanimously tender him the nomination.

A RESOLUTION has been adopted by the Maryland legislature "that it is the sense of this House that the House of Representatives of the United States, now under the control of the Democratic party, should deal with the subject of tariff reform, whether by general bill, or otherwise, upon the broad lines marked out by President Cleveland's message of 1887, and the Mill's bill, in order that the party may enter upon the great contest of 1892 with a definite policy which will convince the country that it does not mean to take any backward step and that its faith in the common sense and conscience of the people is unshaken."

HENRY WATKINSON in his Louisville Courier-Journal says: Mr. Harrison will be his own successor upon the National Republican ticket, and if there are those who think he will prove a weak nominee or a candidate easy to be beaten, they will find themselves mistaken.

That Mr. Cleveland is outside of the state of New York, the choice of an overwhelming majority of the Democrats of the United States is an indisputable fact. It is Cleveland first, the rest nowhere. But to all appearance it seems with the Democrats of New York it is Hill first and Cleveland nowhere.

Are we again going to fall between the two stools of this old, never-ending faction fight; this eternal, incurable fever year itch renewing itself every four years among the Democratic politicians of the state of New York?

The state of things in Russia seems to be getting worse, or the reports at least are worse. Russia in Europe has an area of over two millions of square miles. Its population is about equal to that of the United States and the reports state that two-thirds of this great mass of people are in needy circumstances, while over a third of these will die of starvation unless they are helped by the people outside the Car's dominions. The remainder of the people of Russia are unable to render the assistance needed. The destination is the result of a succession of crop failures, extending over the last three, and in some places four years. Then, too, we must consider that the population of Russia is dependent almost entirely on agriculture as a means of subsistence. They are without the means of exchanging the earnings of their labor for the necessities of life, no matter how willing they are to work. A population equal to that of the New England, the Middle and Southern States is starving.

Add to this scarcity of food and clothing the severity of a Russian winter, which far exceeds in severity the rigors of a Canadian winter and you can picture some of the want and suffering now there prevailing.

The prisons and hospitals are being used for places of shelter. Churches are transformed into relief depots. The supplies sent are yet insufficient, but are being distributed to the very best advantage, yet thousands of the people are dying of actual want.

Food and clothing are needed to relieve their suffering and keep the population alive until their next crops can be gathered. The famishing peasantry of Russia need help and they need it promptly.

SPEAKER CRISP, says the Philadelphia Times, has disarmed public criticism of the proposed Congressional investigation of our appalling pension frauds by appointing three Democratic Union soldiers with heroic records and one Republican Union soldier who bears many honorable scars, to inquire into the prostitution of pensions to thieving sharks and army bunners. Chairman Wheeler, of Michigan, is one of Sherman's wounded veterans, and Little, of New York; Dungan, of Ohio, and Brosius, of Pennsylvania, are all recognized as men of heroic action in the line of battle. Only one member of the committee, Lind, of Minnesota, is not a soldier, and he is one of the Republican minority.

The selection of such a committee, four-fifths of which is composed of brave Union veterans and some of them the recipients of pensions, must command public confidence in advance for the fidelity of its inquiries and the integrity of its conclusions. That it will probe the present fraudulent pension system to the core is not doubted by any who know the men who compose the committee, and all intelligent citizens and soldiers must now know that such an investigation cannot fail to startle the country by uncovering the fraud and theft by which the nation has been robbed of scores of millions of dollars.

With a committee of gallant Union veterans to pass upon the evils of our pension system hope begins to dawn upon the efforts of patriotic citizens and honest soldiers to halt the robberies perpetrated by pension sharks and army coffee-coolers to bring shame upon the noblest soldiers of the world.

The Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, says the Pittsburg Post, has made a summary and appropriate disposition of Senator Quay's ill-advised resolution looking to the acquisition of the Northern States of Mexico by reporting it adversely, and the Senate then clinched the matter by indefinitely postponing the resolution. In the same line of maintaining friendly relations with Mexico the Senate passed a resolution Wednesday requesting the President to return to the Republic of Mexico 21 battle flags, now in the museum of the military academy at West Point, captured by the army of the United States during the war of 1848. This is all right, but it suggests what an amount of froth and fanfare there was in the partisan and Grand Army uproar a few years ago when it was suggested Confederate battle flags should be returned to the Southern states. Is it not an act of generous courtesy like this to our own citizens, soldiers of our next war, fully as important as the return of flags captured from a foreign nation?

SENATOR VEST says tariff reform must be the supreme issue with the Democrats in the coming campaign. He says: "In 1888, when Mr. Gorman and the late William L. Scott came to the St. Louis convention with a cut and dried platform containing the old straddle of 1884, approved, as they stated, by Mr. Cleveland, the convention repudiated the movement and I heartily indorsed its action. Not even Mr. Cleveland's name was potent enough to pull down the flag which he had himself placed at the masthead. It floats there to-day and will never be furlled until the war taxes which the Republican party promised to remove upon the return of peace have been taken from the statute books."

An order of Pope Leo, dated at Rome, January 14, 1892, and just promulgated by Archbishop Elder, of Cincinnati, authorizes the Catholic clergy in regions where influenza prevails to observe the faithful from fasting and abstinence. The order is not, as might be supposed, restricted to the coming Lenten season, but applies at once to the Friday and other fasts, and no definite limit of time appears to have been placed upon its continuance.

The Western Farm and Mortgage company, of Denver, has collapsed, and arrests are expected. The company has been doing a business of \$10,000,000, principally on other people's money.

WASHINGTON LETTER. WASHINGTON, D. C. Jan. 15, 1892. Mr. Harrison has been so happy as he expected to be after Mr. Blaine's letter was known, if those who profess to be his friends know the state of his mind. The undersigned members of the Commercial Exchange of Philadelphia, in a friendly way, took occasion in that letter to advocate the nomination of Benj. H., or at least to say a good word for him in some way, and he has got it into his head that Mr. Blaine's intention is to touch about the dignity which he appears to think surrounds his person like a halo. Another thing that he doesn't like is the fact that which Senators, Representatives, and other prominent men of his party have announced their preference for some other candidate than himself. He fears that Mr. Blaine intends to show his influence for that mysterious "some other candidate," and he is mighty sorry that there is no truth in the rumor prevalent a day or two ago that Mr. Blaine intended resigning his office. He would like to see until after the meeting of the Republican convention. Nothing would suit him better just now than for Mr. Blaine to leave the country for a few months. He is not sure that he will ask for his resignation.

The Democrats of the House have taken the first step toward turning the light on dark places by the adoption of resolutions authorizing the creation of the World's Fair, the crooked National bank failures at Philadelphia, and most important of all, the Pension office. The resolution under which the investigation is to be conducted is reported by the Committee on Rules as a substitute for those offered by Representatives Enloe and Cooper. It provides for the appointment of a select committee of five members to investigate the pension office, whether use has been made by the Commissioner of his official position to promote his private affairs or for partisan political purposes, whether there has been any undue influence exerted on applicants for pensions or practicing attorneys, whether any of the clerks have taken advantage of their positions to make profit, and whether any of the service law has been violated by the Commissioner. On motion of Mr. Enloe the resolution was amended to include the methods of the board of pension appeals.

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REWARD OFFERINGS. A Philadelphia physician carries a purse made of human hide. An untried twenty-one foot in diameter has been constructed for a king of the Africans. A young man of Rockville, Conn., has had a coat made of the skins he has slain this winter.

The first consignment of eared skins for commercial purposes ever brought to this country reached New York some days ago. A bill has been introduced in the House at Washington appropriating \$100,000 to establish a national spelling school at the World's Fair.

Mrs. Jessie Chambers, of Uniontown, attempted suicide on Saturday night by taking chloroform, the waywardness of a daughter being the supposed cause.

Coins are weighed at the mint to a hair's weight. Not long since a hair fell into the weighing machine, and until it was discovered a large amount of coins were rejected.

Being informed that his wife, who was ill with the grip, could not recover, Mr. Burchard, of Napoleon, O., on Monday blew out his brains. His wife died a few minutes afterward from the shock.

The Lawrence County Fair Association has been organized for the coming summer. Thirty acres will be leased and transformed into a modern fair grounds, with tasty buildings and a kite-shaped track.

The largest power plant yet built in this country will be that now in process of construction across the Colorado river at Austin, Tex. It will be completed, 1,150 feet long, 60 feet high, and 18 feet wide at the top.

Engineers of railroad trains in Texas and most of the Western states carry revolvers and often rifles, in the cab, for various contingencies that might arise. They amuse themselves by shooting at the telegraph poles or any other mark while running at full speed, and attain a wonderful skill in marksmanship.

Well-informed lumbermen declare that there is more timber in the forests of Maine to-day than there was ten years ago because care had been exercised in the felling of trees during recent years. Only good sized trees are cut nowadays, the smaller being allowed to stand until they attain a proper growth.

Edward Ford, who acquired widespread notoriety by his participation in the Missouri outlaw, in 1882, was shot and killed on Tuesday in a saloon near at Grand, now mining town some distance from Denver, Col. For some time Ford has been drifting among the mining camps. He had been in many quarrels, but until the tragedy of Tuesday no serious results came from his fights.

Edward and Peter Mespley—two brothers—while under the influence of liquor entered the New York on Tuesday night. In the quarrel Edward seized a carving knife and cut Peter's throat from ear to ear. Peter is not expected to live and Edward is a prisoner awaiting the result of his brother's injuries.

The school house at Bluff, Perry county, was burned on Friday night. The band was holding a concert, when a large hanging lamp fell to the floor, and the audience ran pell-mell for the door, leaving hats, overcoats, etc., behind. All the school furniture was burned, together with an organ and many of the land instruments.

In 1891 the only states that produced more than 1,000,000 pounds of paper daily were New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Ohio. In 1890 they were New York, Maine and Wisconsin. The total production in New York in 1891 was 3,250,000 pounds, a gain of 319,000 pounds over the previous year.

On Sunday the Philadelphia Reading Company's Great Big Battery, a mine with a capacity of one thousand tons a day, was partially destroyed by fire which originated in the hoisting-engine rooms, which were destroyed. Six hundred hands will be thrown out of employment for a month. The loss, including wages, will approach \$50,000.

A peculiar accident occurred at West Berkeley, California, on Saturday evening. F. J. Hays and Corchis Sylvester were married in St. Joseph's church and the bridegroom proceeded to take the local train to their residence. While standing on the track the overland train, which does not stop at the station, suddenly rounded a curve through a cut into the party. Hays and Mrs. Sylvia, a friend of the bride, were instantly killed, while a boy was dangerously wounded. The bride's grief was heartrending.

Excessive Freight Rates. The following communication, signed by a number of the members of the Commercial Exchange of Philadelphia, was recently forwarded to the President of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company: "The undersigned members of the Commercial Exchange of Philadelphia, and receivers of grain at this port, respectfully submit that the rates of freight charged on the grain from points on the line of Pennsylvania railroad and its connections, from numerous places in the State of Pennsylvania, to Philadelphia, are excessive and quite out of proportion to the rates of freight charged by the Pennsylvania railroad from far distant points to Philadelphia. From numerous places within 200 miles or less of Philadelphia you charge eight cents per bushel or over on wheat to Philadelphia, whereas the rate for your neighboring grain from Chicago to Philadelphia—distant, say 501 miles—is only twelve cents per bushel.

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BALTZELS. Of the many carpet creations fair samples of them all will be found in our Carpet Department. To start the season we have received a few pieces of Axminster, of Royal beauty and the first ever shown in the city. The usual price for this King of Carpets in all large cities is \$2.50 a yard, but we have decided upon \$1.75. In richest shades of Cream White, Old Rose, Wood Browns, Gray, etc. Just arrived yesterday three patterns of Axminster Velvets, beautiful as a dream of Eden, and only \$1.25 a yard, and price \$1.75. Also four patterns of lovely extra Velvet at same price. Our showings in Moquette and Velvets will be larger this year than ever, and special care has been taken in selection. They are arriving daily and being marked off at \$1.15 to \$1.50 a yard. A perfect fantasy in flower, in Body Brussels there are a few pieces left suitable for any room or purpose that have been reduced from \$1.00 to 75c. Two pieces in Wood Browns, in the figures in contrasting shades, are handsome for parlor use. Other styles at \$1.00 and \$1.25 a yard. In Unique Patterns, of all possible shades, but showing a tendency to darker hues, very desirable. In Tapestries, the styles of last year have been renewed in every variety of colorings and of special values. Last year \$1.00 this year 85c. Just arriving a large stock of Lowell Extra Super Ingrain, Will go at 85c. BALTZELS, Allegheny.

B. & B. Where Dollars Go Farthest. That's what we're all looking for. It's a glimpse of home, a glimpse of the good life. We all want the best, the bargain, or at least the best value. There are about half a dozen specialty stores in this city that sell goods at a profit. MAIL ORDER DEPT. - THEM and inquire about. There are hundreds of cheap goods stores equally as good. We're making a money-saving interest every day in trade with us. Lot 44-45 Cambria House, Ebensburg, Pa. In various widths of black and gray stripes, 2c. up to 5c. The line of 40-inch Cottons, 25c. up to 50c. 30-inch All-Wool Broad, in Gray and Brown Mixtures, 25c. 30-inch Black, Navy Blue, Blue, Green, for house and street costumes, 25c. 30-inch All-Wool Plaids, at 25c. usually 35c. 26-inch Cottons - 25c. It will show you the quality. We'll be excellent value every at 25c. 40-inch Extra Softened Goods, in new Spring colorings, 25c. Finest Quality All-Wool Fine Cheviots, 30 inches wide, 35c. and 50c. ANDERSON & GILGILAM, Write for samples, prices or other information pertaining to "what to wear and where to get it at the lowest prices."

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