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The electoral college will meet at Harrisburg to cast its vote for President and Vice President on Monday, Jan. 9, it being the time fixed by the act of Congress of May, 1887.

Black diphtheria has broken out with great violence at Mammoth, a mining town in Westmoreland county, near Greensburg, and a half dozen deaths have occurred.

JOHN REED and Mrs. Rose Cooley were drummed out of Trenton, N. J., by a mob of indignant women. Mrs. Cooley had married Reed the next day after her husband's death.

FULL returns show that though Harrison carried Iowa it was only by plurality. For the first time in a Presidential election since the party was formed there is a majority adverse to the Republicans! It amounts 3,973.

In regard to Mr. Blaine's health the announcement is made, apparently by authority, that there is nothing alarming in his condition, and that he will soon start for California, where he means to pass the winter.

D. EDGAR CROUSE, a Syracuse millionaire, who died recently, bequeathed all his servants a fortune. He gave his private secretary \$150,000 and his cook \$25,000. There is still \$10,000,000 left to be divided among 25 heirs.

In accordance with the new immigration laws of the United States, all of the immigrants booked for passage in the Cunard steamship Aurantia took an oath before a Queenstown magistrate that they were going to join relatives in America.

A LOCKPORT (Westmoreland county) farmer discovered a broken frog on one of the main tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad on Tuesday morning just in time to stop the southwestern express, thereby saving it from being thrown from the track.

A MOVEMENT is now foot at Beaver Falls to raise a fund for the Homestead people who have failed to get work. The city officials, business men and members of the Amalgamated Association will likely hold a meeting on Friday evening for the purpose of making proper plans.

NATHANIEL S. BARRY, of Bristol, N. H., is said to be the oldest ex-governor of a state in the United States. He survives until September 1, 1896, he will be a centenarian. He was boy of very humble parentage, became a tanner, was General Grant, died in 1865 was elected governor of New Hampshire.

The next Senator from Montana will be a Democrat, unless the Republicans shall succeed in stealing the seat, as they did those of the first two Senators elected from that state. The Democrats will have thirty-six votes on joint ballot, the Republicans thirty-two and the Populists three. It behooves the Democrats of that state to "watch out."

LIEUTENANT COLONEL STRATOR, of the Tenth regiment, appeared in the criminal court on Monday in Pittsburgh for sentence in the case of aggravated assault and battery on Private Ians. He was acquitted on the charge, but he and the other defendants had to pay the costs. Judge Porter, who tried the case, was not present and the sentence was put off until a later date.

FRANK GARTIN, of Pittsburgh, the young newspaper artist, who shot and killed his young wife, Cora Redpath, three days after their marriage, and was convicted of voluntary manslaughter, was sentenced by Judge McClung, last Monday to nine years' imprisonment in the Western Penitentiary. Judge McClung said the evidence warranted a conviction of murder in the first degree.

The French ministry was overthrown last Monday by a majority of eighty-five votes against the Government. The question involved was the action of the Ministry in failing to order an autopsy on the body of Baron de Reinach, whose sudden death was alleged to have a more or less direct connection with the prosecution in the case of the Panama Canal scandal. The ministers immediately handed in their resignations.

The spring election must be held under the new Baker Ballot law. The new law requires that all officers other than national and state officers, except township and borough, certificates shall be filed with the county commissioners forty-two days before the election. Heretofore it has been the custom to make the nominations only a few days before the election. In townships and boroughs the nominations need not be held as early, as the law requires that for borough and township officers the certificates be filed with the township or borough auditors ten days before election.

FOLLOWING is the way Congressman C. A. Bottelle, of Maine, sizes up the next President: "No one can justly claim that Grover Cleveland is not a strong man with the people. Nominated against the protest of the Democratic organization in his own state he has received one of the greatest personal endorsements by the people of the country ever known. He has swept the country and is now by far the greatest man in it. With such a conservative and honest administration as I believe he will give the country, he will pass down in history as one of our greatest statesmen. I am obliged to admit this in all candor, although I am a Republican."

SEVERAL plans, says the New York World, have been suggested for discovering the names wrongfully on the pension list, for the purpose of cutting them off.

Publicity is a great detective. It would be a good idea to have the list of pensioners in each county posted at the county seat, that public officials, the deserving old soldiers and citizens generally might inspect it.

Objection has been made to this on the score of cost. But with the pension list increasing at the rate of over \$25,000,000 a year any measure which would tend to purge it of fraud and non-desert would be truly economical.

Yet local sentiment frequently winks at raids upon the National Treasury by citizens of the vicinage, it will not do to depend altogether upon this method.

It would be well to supplement this publicity with a commission for each state, or perhaps for each judicial district, empowered to require proof of justice and validity of every pension granted during the past ten years. Honest and deserving veterans would not object to this. The other sort should not be permitted to enjoy during life the benefits of the crooked work of unscrupulous claim agents and a complaisant Commissioner supplementing their own cupidity.

Some means must be devised to scrutinize and reform the pension list. Its honor if not its safety depends upon an honest revision.

It is generally accepted, says the Pittsburg Post, that Mr. Cleveland has tendered the important position of Secretary of the Treasury to Hon. Charles S. Fairchild, of New York, who was called from the assistant secretaryship to the head of the department, in Mr. Cleveland's administration on the death of Daniel Manning. If so, it is an appointment that will be highly acceptable to business and financial interests, as Mr. Fairchild's four years' service in the treasury department demonstrated high capacity. The political aspects of the appointment attract attention, as Mr. Fairchild was a leader of the anti-snappers' who declared war on the machine in New York, and was also a leader of the anti-snapper delegation at Chicago. It is stated as improbable that New York will have another cabinet place. Mr. Whitney could probably have such distinction if he desired, but he declines. Possibly he may be the Senator from New York, although Mr. Murphy at this time is set down as a certainty.

The Illinois Steel company proposes to shut down its steel rail plant this winter because of "the uncertainties of tariff legislation." This is a protection falsehood. This company is in the steel trust. This trust so completely controls the market that it fixes the price of rails without regard to the state of the market. All summer the price of steel rails held at \$30 a ton, although there was very little demand for them. The price in England is \$29. This mill is to be shut down because the other mills can make all the rails that are needed. By shutting down the expenses of operation can be reduced. If the tariff was reduced to \$5 a ton from the present cost of \$13.40, the difference between the cost of production here and abroad would be entirely covered. The cheapening of the price would also tend to increase the demand. The Illinois people know this and know that if the tariff is so reduced they will go on making rails, although they may no longer export their former abnormal profits.

"I UNDERSTAND since I have arrived in Washington," said Senator Vest, of Missouri, "that a deficit is upon us; that the government's expenses exceed its income, and that a shortage will occur this year, all the way from \$40,000,000 to \$90,000,000. I have no opinion at this time what course it is best to pursue. None of us know what state the treasury is in. It has been hid from us. We know that things have been done with the treasury books never done before; that money has been used and funds broken into which Secretary Foster had no right to touch. But just how badly we are in the hole none of us know, and cannot hope to before Congress convenes. This, however, I'm free to say, whatever the deficit, whether nine or ten millions, we must meet it and provide for it this session. We must not leave it for the next Congress."

An impressive ceremony was observed at the raising of Turkey's flag over the Sultan's building at the World's Fair last Thursday. A lamb without blemish, picked from a flock of 5,000 was brought to the scene, and after a prayer, one of the Turks gashed its neck. Another Turk thrust his hand into the wound and sprinkled the blood upon the foundation of the Turkish pavilion. Then the red flag of the Ottoman Empire was raised to the top of the staff. The two high priests called aloud in Turkish "God give long life to the Sultan and to the President of the United States." This was repeated three times by all the Turks present. A lunch in the tent of the Sultan followed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 25, 1892. Democratic Senators and Representatives are already quite numerous in Washington, and of those here a least thirty-four have expressed themselves as favoring an early extra session of the Fifty-third Congress for the purpose of dealing with financial and tariff matters. The reason given in most instances is the custom of long standing with Congress that about one year should elapse from the time a new tariff law is enacted before it goes into effect, in order to give business circles and manufacturers an opportunity to make preparations for the change that will prevent any loss by reason of reductions made in the duties. So that even if an extra session be called in April, it will be in the neighborhood of a year and a half after Mr. Cleveland is inaugurated before the people can begin to realize any benefit from the Democratic reform of the tariff. Surely this is long enough for the people to continue to bear the burdens imposed upon them by the McKinley law.

But there is another matter that is even more pressing than the tariff—the almost immediate need for Democratic aid for money to meet the enormous obligations incurred by the Republicans; and it is not believed that the Republican majority of the Senate will be patriotic enough to drop their intense partisanship and aid in this matter during the present session of Congress; they don't care how much trouble the country gets into after it shall have passed into the hands of the Democrats. Notwithstanding the continued assertions of Secretary Foster that there will be no deficit in the Treasury during the current fiscal year, many prominent Democrats believe there is a deficit. The reason for this belief is that the officials of this administration can, if so disposed, withhold upon one or another pretext the payment of many large sums that fall due between now and the expiration of the present term of office. It is believed that the Democratic administration, but not leaving the money to do it with. Indeed, it is the general belief that the deficit would exist to-day except for this policy of delay in meeting payments which has been in vogue for two years or more. In any event, it cannot be much longer staved off, and all admit that it will probably come during the next fiscal year.

How to meet it is the most pressing question with which the Democratic administration and Congress will have to deal next year. If it can be met in any way until the new tariff can get into working order and the Democrats get an opportunity to lop off the extravagant expenses of the Government the question is not so pressing. The basis of economy everything will be all right, as the lowered tariff will certainly add many millions to the customs receipts of the Government. It is believed that this knowledge that quite a number of prominent Democrats favor issuing bonds at a low rate of interest for the money that will be absolutely needed, instead of increasing the present tax or adding a new one. It is a very interesting and a very important question and no fears need be felt that the best plan, all things considered, will not be adopted.

Representative Fitch, chairman of the House committee which is engaged in investigating the methods of the notorious John I. Davenport, Chief U. S. Supervisor of elections at New York, recently met in New York, asking him not to pass or pay any of Davenport's accounts for expenses until the committee could examine them. This is a new method of doing business, and a double-quick time. His object is to get his accounts approved and paid before the committee gets at them, otherwise he knows they will be largely cut down. One thing may be put down as certain. When the first session of the Fifty-third Congress adjourns, whether it be extra or regular, there will be no such office as U. S. supervisor of elections.

The local Democrats, aided by thousands from the neighboring States of Maryland and Virginia, are to-night conducting the largest political demonstration ever seen in Washington, and the jam of people on Pennsylvania avenue are wild with enthusiasm and the air full of brilliant fireworks.

Mr. Cleveland's alleged remarks expressing his disgust for office seekers, which were published here a few days ago, helped many a Republican officeholder to enjoy his Thanksgiving dinner, by making him feel that he was secure in his office. Democrats generally believe that when the people of the country voted by such an overwhelming majority for a change they did not mean merely a change in the Presidency and the heads of the departments, but a change all along the line, are loth to believe that Mr. Cleveland ever used the language attributed to him.

The Modern Borgia.

DES MOINES, Ia., November 25.—Quite a sensation has been caused at Riverton over a reputed wife-poisoning case. The modern Borgia is William Maylor. Several years ago, while living in Avon, he advertised in the Kansas City papers for a house keeper, and Mrs. Erbecke, a handsome widow, was engaged. Three months later she became Mrs. Maylor.

THE JUDGING CONTESTS.

HARRISBURG, November 30.—By the death of Judge Connelly, of Scranton, Governor Pattison will have two vacancies on the bench to fill by appointment, one in the Blair county district, where Judge Dean will retire in a few weeks to go on the supreme bench, and one in Lackawanna county. The Blair county Democrats are equally divided for Augustus Landis, of Hollidaysburg, and A. V. Dively, of Altoona, and every day brings letters and petitions from them to the Governor, setting forth the claims of their favorites. The fight for the vacancy in Scranton is expected to be just as lively, as there are several candidates holding off until after Judge Connelly is buried.

Chicago's Bold Bandits.

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John Chinaman Ahead.

WASHINGTON, November 28.—The Chinaman at present has the best of Uncle Sam, whose restriction law has been an utter failure. This law, passed May 5, required that within one year all Chinese laborers within the United States should take out registration papers before the collector of internal revenue of the respective districts and furnish photographs of themselves for purposes of identification.

Smuggling on the Increase.

WASHINGTON, November 29.—Agent Tingle, in his report of the operations of the special agents of the Treasury Department during the fiscal year, states that smuggling of dutiable merchandise upon the Canadian and Mexican frontiers has largely increased since the passage of the tariff act of 1890 imposing duties on all agricultural products. These and other articles are smuggled from Mexico. The principal articles of contraband imports from Canada are wool, clothing, live animals, eggs and opium. It is suggested that the duty of the tariff act of 1890 imposing duties on all agricultural products be reduced to 4 or 5 per cent.

Rev. Dr. Scott Dead.

WASHINGTON, November 30.—Rev. John W. Scott, D. D., father-in-law of President Harrison, died at the executive mansion shortly after 4 o'clock last evening. On the 19th inst. he was stricken with a cold, accompanied by a low, continuing fever, and though he several times rallied, he finally succumbed to the disease. Rev. Scott was born in Beaver county, Pa., Jan. 22, 1800, and was professor in the 50th year of his age. Dr. Scott graduated from the college at Washington, and held a Ph.D. degree from the same university at Yale. He was professor in a number of colleges, which he gave up to accept a position in the interior department at Washington. This he relinquished when President Harrison with whom he went to live at the White House. The funeral services will be held in the east room at 3 o'clock next Thursday afternoon. The burial will be in the Washington (Pa.) cemetery Friday morning.

Houses Damaged by a Cave in.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., November 28.—About early hour on Sunday morning the ground began to settle over the workings of the Langeliff colliery at Avoca, caused by a cave in that took place in the mine during the night, doing considerable damage to property in the neighborhood.

New Digging Machines.

NEWS AND OTHER NOTINGS.

Happy and content is a bride with "The Rochester," she lives in the light of the morning. "The Rochester" is a fine steamship, owned by the Delaware and Chesapeake Canal Co., New York.

One of the boilers used in heating the "The Rochester" exploded on Saturday, fatally injuring Fireman Clark Taylor and wrecking two other boilers.

The managers of the Chicago exposition have made restaurant arrangements which will enable them to seat 45,000 persons at one time, exclusive of the army of officials and free lunch feeds.

James Patterson, postmaster at Hookstown, Beaver county, Pa., sat down to a late Thanksgiving dinner Thursday, apparently in his usual good health, but during the meal he fell to the floor a corpse. His ailment was heart disease. He was thirty-five years old, unmarried, and lived with his two sisters.

George Washington Post, the celebrated bunco man and colleague of Tom O'Brien, Red Austin and other distinguished men in their line, was sentenced on Monday at Albany, N. Y., to ten years in Clinton prison, having been convicted of robbery in the first degree in larceny of the valuable John M. Peck, of Albany, out of \$10,000 in 1888.

Angelo and Joseph Scappe, Italians, sentenced on Monday, at Pittsburgh to hang for the murder of Frank Helmester, attempted to dash their brains out against the prison walls after being taken back to their cells in the county jail. Both men were seriously injured, but were before accomplishing their purpose. They were removed to other cells and guards were placed over them.

Modern Fashion and History.

Miscellaneous Notices.

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