

At McClain's Mill, Ark., several dwellings were totally demolished by a cyclone and eleven persons injured, two of whom will die.

The lower court at Washington has sustained the constitutionality of the income tax law, and an appeal has been taken to the supreme court of the United States.

In the house at Harrisburg, on Wednesday Mr. Easton of Potter county introduced a bill to establish an additional hospital for the insane of the district comprising the counties of Potter, Tioga, Clinton, Lycoming, Clearfield, Jefferson, Center, Huntingdon, Blair, Cambria, Bedford, Somerset and Indiana, and appropriating \$500,000, for the same.

Thomas B. Reed is said to be discouraging, so far as possible, any general move on the part of the defeated Republican candidates contesting for seats. An election contest is almost invariably a boomerang—the unseated contestant is often returned by the people of his district by an increased majority.

On Wednesday United States Marshal Arnold took Eugene V. Debs and other directors of the A. R. U. before Judge Grosecup in Chicago. All gave bail in the sum of \$2,000 and were released from custody. They are now free on the charge for which they were convicted until April 1, as the supreme court will not begin the hearing of the points at issue, which will consume several days, until March 25.

The allegation of discontent is often made in speaking of the farmers. It would be absurd to deny that there is discontent in the agricultural regions, and the temporary success of populism in certain states is a proof of it.

On Wednesday Mr. Childs, of Illinois, introduced in the house at Washington a bill to incorporate the National Central Railway company. It creates William Dalin, J. C. Caldwell, J. W. Reed and J. A. Reynolds, of Chicago; John Bell, of Michigan; John C. Mellinger, of Indiana; James McPherson, of Ohio, and Joseph Barrett, of Buffalo, N. Y., a body politic and corporate by the name of the National Central Railway company and authorizes them to lay out and equip a railway from a point on the Hudson river, or from some point in New York city, to some point in San Francisco.

The road is to be constructed in the most improved manner and of the best materials in the art of railroad building. The capital stock of the company is to be \$400,000,000. If the company so elects, the government is to guarantee the interest upon bonds sold to aid in the construction of the road.

The main work of the legislators now says the Harrisburg Patriot, seems to be to dump all sorts of good, had and indifferent bills into the hopper. The work of "obliging constituents" is going on. The pettifogger shapes his ideas into a measure and the member turns it into the legislative mill in the hope of some way getting grist that will be satisfactory to himself if to no one else.

Up to this time the legislature has been in the hands of the Republican bosses. They have set in motion the legislation they desire and they mean to see what they want and all they want goes through. The rest can take chances. If the bosses must and will get their own selfish legislation through will they not at least see that much or all of the other vicious legislation is suppressed or lost?

We appeal to the bosses for help. If this avails we shall be glad. If it does not the people must be appealed to wrench their legislators, by immediate action, from the clutches of the bosses. A bill has been introduced into the legislature, says the Lancaster Inquirer, making it a misdemeanor for any teacher in the public schools of the state to wear distinctively religious garb. This has grown out of the case wherein the supreme court of the state decided that the employment of nuns was not illegal. The bill in its present form will surely not pass if it receives the consideration and discussion to which it is entitled. The people of Pennsylvania want no sectarian instruction in our public schools, but they are not bigoted enough to shut out or forbid the employment of teachers because they may see fit to wear a distinctively religious garb. Such bigotry is a thousand times more pernicious than the sectarianism against which it is ostensibly directed. It would prevent the employment of Quakers or Mennonites and members of other religious societies, whose garbs differ from that of the general public. It is a religious persecution of the most cowardly character, and should receive no countenance whatever. While all true friends of public schools ought to frown down sectarian instruction in them, they should with equal zeal repel any attempt at persecution.

The present congress, says the Philadelphia Times, is utterly remiss in the performance of the plain duty to place our financial system on a sound basis and supply adequate revenues for the expenditures of the government. The Democrats, as the majority party, have not done so because they cannot; the Republicans, with 127 votes in the house, refuse to do so because they will not.

Both of the great parties are to day guilty of recklessly endangering the credit of the government and the prosperity of the country. It is well known that there are enough men of sound financial views in the two great parties of the house to unite on a financial policy that would be acceptable to the country, but the Democrats are hopelessly divided, as the Republicans would be if in power, and the Republicans oppose everything and propose nothing.

A financial bill has now been in the house for many weeks but the Republican leaders have as yet not proposed a single amendment or substitute, and have done nothing whatever but to oppose everything presented by the majority. They are playing the demagogue, for all will appreciate that such conduct by any party in congress is neither patriotic nor statesmanlike.

Thomas B. Reed could in one day solve the financial problem if he would permit the honest men of his own party to unite with honest men in the Democratic party to pass the best financial bill that can be agreed upon. The votes are there to do it, the honesty of purpose is there, and it is hindered entirely by representative Reed who is the autocrat of the Republicans in congress, and has never permitted them to take any part whatever in framing a financial measure.

It is idle to assume that the Republicans can escape responsibility for the failure of the present congress to enact proper financial legislation. True, the Democrats have a majority in the body, but it is known that a considerable proportion of that majority is unsound on finance, as are very many members of the Republican party. It is therefore impossible for honest and patriotic Democrats to enact any financial bill without the aid of honest and patriotic members of the Republican side.

Public sentiment should demand that this great question, that rises above all party considerations or interests, should be elevated above the plane of partisan disputes and that patriotism and statesmanship, regardless of party feeling, should come to the rescue of our endangered credit and depleted treasury.

REPORTS FROM BUENOS AYRES, says the New York Times, concerning the Argentine wheat crop were rather unexpected and for that reason may exert considerable influence upon the market. For months the prevailing impression as to the size of the new crop in Argentina has been discouraging to our wheat growers. From the preceding crop there was exported to Europe more than 50,000,000 bushels. The sale of this great exportable surplus by a country which did not produce wheat enough for its own use a few years ago has been a weight on the wheat market of the world over. At the beginning of the Argentine season which is now closed it was reported that the wheat acreage in that country had been increased by 10 per cent. in spite of the fact that the average price received by Argentine wheat growers last year was only 38 cents a bushel, and until now there has been a general expectation that the Argentine surplus for export would at least be equal to that of last year.

It is difficult in that country to obtain promptly any trustworthy estimate of crop yields or to ascertain the general condition of the wheat crop while it is growing or at the time immediately preceding the harvest. The crop statistician must wait for the final results. Consequently, there had been, up to a recent date, no trustworthy reports from Argentina which could serve to modify the general impression that the output would be equal to, and would probably exceed, that of last year.

Recent dispatches from Buenos Ayres said that the new crop had proved to be a poor one and that the quality of the grain was below average. There was received at the Produce Exchange a private cablegram saying that the new crop would be smaller than last year's by 35 per cent. It would be unwise to regard these advices as conclusive, but it seems probable that the exportable surplus of the Argentine crop will be considerably reduced, and that the effect of this reduction will be beneficial with respect to the wheat growers of other exporting countries.

The indications are that the present legislature intend seeing the bottom of the state treasury. Bills are now before the legislature with far prospects for their passage, as follows: to increase the salary of the superintendent of banking from \$4,000 to \$6,000; to increase the salary of the superintendent of public printing to \$3,000; to increase the salary of custodian of public buildings and grounds from \$1,800 to \$3,000; and to give judges after serving twenty years a salary for life.

Our law makers may not be able to formulate any legislation that will bring relief to the starving miners and tax burdened farmers but they may be relied upon to take care of the pets who get their fodder at the public crib.

SENATOR PENROSE of Philadelphia has introduced a bill in the legislature at Harrisburg to amend the act of June 3, 1893. It makes the refusal by an individual, firm or corporation to pay employees weekly, in money, a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not less than \$50, nor more than \$200. It also renders null and void the assignment of weekly wages.

This house committee on military affairs will favorably report a substitute for the senate bill revising the grade of lieutenant general.

Washington Letter. Washington, D. C., Jan. 18, 1895.—While there is life in the fifty-third congress Democrats will not cease to hope for legislation in the line of currency reform. But candor compels the confession that there is nothing tangible in sight in either house of senate at this writing upon which to build hope. The situation is similar to a serious case of sickness in one's family. No matter how serious the doctor may look nor how low the patient may appear to be, we hope for a change for the better, and sometimes our hopes are realized, and sometimes, alas! they are not. Only time can tell how it will end with currency reform.

Senator Vest, when taunted by Republican senators because of the failure of the Democrats to agree upon a currency bill, said: "I have no authority to speak for the President, but I most earnestly hope that if some definite action is not taken by this congress, the president will call an extra session as soon as the snow falls at the close of this session." The Republicans make a pretense of being indifferent about an extra session, but in reality it is the thing they most dread; they know the difference and are constantly working on the financial question, and wish to put off the time for action as long as possible.

Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky, gave out a statement this week which should put an end to all the absurd talk about the relations between him and Secretary Carlisle. He said: "My relations with the secretary of the treasury both personal and official, are of the most cordial kind. Instead of there being any purpose of mine to declare war against Mr. Carlisle, as a Republican deputy for about fourteen years and has served on several of the most important committees of the chambers. He served in the Franco-Prussian war as chief of a battalion of the Garde Mobile and was made a cavalier of the Legion of Honor on May 31, 1871."

He Saved Seven Lives. East Liverpool, O., January 22.—George Dorman is a 14 year old hero. He led seven lives yesterday, and made hard to save an eight, but could not do it. A party of boys, among them a 13 year old son of Frank Summers, the Wellsville ragman, known all over the upper Ohio valley, went skating a few rods from Wellsville. The ice suddenly gave way, and the party were thrown into the water. They succeeded in keeping their heads above water, and shouted for help.

George Dorman, who was in the boat when the ice broke, and hastily securing a plank, began to rescue his friends. One after another was brought safe to the shore until the whole crowd had been rescued except Summers, who could not keep afloat. He made desperate attempts to get out. The ice, however, was too much for his tired limbs, and with a despairing cry he went down. The heroic work of the rescuer landed seven of the boys, but he was almost heartbroken when he found that Summers could not be saved.

Ran Away From School. Utica, N. Y., January 18.—William Pitt, who with two other boys, ran away from St. Vincent's industrial school in this city a few days ago, was found in a barn about two miles from Herkimer this morning. His legs were frozen, and he is in a very bad condition. He said his companions, Thomas Buck and Joseph Eckimer were in a piece of woods about a half a mile from the barn. An investigation was made, and the bodies of the triants were found in the woods.

Foreign Flags Prohibited. ALBANY, Jan. 23.—A bill prohibiting the display of foreign flags on public buildings has passed the assembly—aye, 83; nays, 18. The plant of the Huntington, Pa., gas light company, was destroyed by fire; loss \$12,000.—Clean Richter and John Billman, trainmen, were killed by striking a rock near Conneville, Pa.—Purchasing agents of the Standard Oil company will no longer be guided by the prices established in the oil exchange.—A lower floor of the crypt of old St. Paul's was recently discovered by a bin of fine falling through from a cellar just above.

Jersey City, N. J., January 22.—A man, having the appearance of a countryman, and dressed in a long coat and hat, entered the office of the sheriff at Manchester, N. Y., and entered the office of the sheriff and said he had just got the best of a green goods man, at Taylor's hotel. The green goods man, he said, took a roll of bills from the inside pocket of his overcoat when they were in a bedroom together, and threw it on the bed, saying: "That is the kind of stuff we are dealing in." Sheffield examined the money, and saw it was genuine. He then struck the green goods man with a black jack, knocking him down. He grabbed the money from the bed and ran down stairs.

Closing on Pekin. Washington, January 21.—Secretary Gresham in day received two cablegrams from Minister Deby, at Pekin, confirming the reports of the landing of the Japanese troops near Chefoo. The first states that Teng Chan Fu had been bombarded by three Japanese ships and that the American missionaries had left on the Yorktown.

Rescued His Parents. Washington, Pa., January 21.—Early this morning as Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Witherspoon were riding in a two horse buggy along Big Raccoon creek, they wished to take a train for Pittsburgh, and they were both thrown into the deep water. The buggy fell over them in such a way that they could not extricate themselves. James Witherspoon, the son of the submerged couple, was riding on horseback behind them and plunged into the stream at great risk of his own life, lifted the buggy off them and succeeded in getting them both out and onto the bank, from whence they walked home, a distance of several miles. Samuel Witherspoon is brother of Rev. James Witherspoon.

Killed His Children And Himself. Henderson, January 22.—Edward Rivers living near Brownsville, Edmonson county, killed his two children—a boy of six and a girl of eight years—and fired a bullet into his own brain. Rivers was addicted to the habitual use of morphine, and labored under the delusion that his family, if allowed to live, would become hopelessly insane. At the time of the tragedy his wife was absent from home on a visit, and upon her return, the bloody spectacle threw her into convulsions, which imperil her life.

A WAR between Mexico and Guatemala is apparently inevitable.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report. Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE. RICKS IS CLEARED. Attempt to Impeach the Cleveland Judge Fails. THE FEE SYSTEM IS DENOUNCED.

Versailles, January 17.—The national assembly convened here today to elect a successor to M. Cassimir Perier as president of the republic and to elect the members of the cabinet. The first ballot was taken as follows: Brisson, 338; Faure, 224; Waldeck-Rousseau, 184. Total number of votes cast, 746; necessary to a choice, 398. After the announcement of the result of the first ballot Waldeck-Rousseau withdrew in favor of Faure and on the second ballot the latter was elected by a vote of 430 to 361 for Brisson.

In anticipation of some attempted outrage by the anarchists, a force of 500 detectives guarded the assembly and the strength of the police was greatly increased. The precaution proved unnecessary, however, as there was no excitement or outbreak of any kind, either here or in Paris.

M. Francois Felix Faure, member of the chamber of deputies for Seine Inferieure, was born in Paris, January 30, 1841. He was under secretary of state for the colonies in the ministries of Gambetta, Ferry, Brisson and Tirard and was one of the vice presidents of the chamber of deputies preceding the present one. He has been a Republican deputy for about fourteen years and has served on several of the most important committees of the chambers. He served in the Franco-Prussian war as chief of a battalion of the Garde Mobile and was made a cavalier of the Legion of Honor on May 31, 1871.

Resolved. That while the committee is not satisfied that Judge Ricks has been guilty of any wrong committed while judge that will justify it in reporting a resolution of impeachment, yet the committee cannot too strongly censure the practices under which Judge Ricks made up his accounts. It was offered by Mr. Harrison of Alabama. All who voted for impeachment at the last meeting voted against the resolution, while those who voted against impeachment at the last meeting voted for the resolution. The committee cannot too strongly censure the practices under which Judge Ricks made up his accounts.

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