

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1896. RUSSET BLAINE, a brother of James G. Blaine, is an applicant for sergeant-at-arms of the senate, with poor prospects.

At Greenville, O., Saturday, the jury in the case of Col. Coit, tried for murder in shooting down rioters during the Washington court house troubles a year ago, returned a verdict of not guilty.

The United States minister, Mr. Terrell, has demanded an indemnity of \$100,000 for the burning and pillaging of the American missions at Marash and Kharpoot. He also asked for the immediate granting of firmans or rebuilding them.

EDWIN F. DILL, of Michigan, now assistant secretary of state, who has been appointed Ambassador to Germany to succeed the late Chancellor Rannoy, is a native of Somerset county, and his brother is the present postmaster at Somerset.

In a letter dated at Indianapolis, Ind., February 3d, 1896, to Hon. John K. Gowdy, of that city, Ex-President Benjamin Harrison emphatically declares that he is not a candidate for the Republican nomination for the presidency.

A FELLING had closed in on Mrs. M. H. Bohrer, wife of the traveling passenger agent of the Mobile & Ohio, and her mother, Mrs. P. Esselman, at Fostoria, Ohio, on last Tuesday night. Mrs. Bohrer managed to kick the end out of the bed and crawl out, but was fatally injured. Mrs. Esselman will recover.

The secretary of agriculture is preparing for the governor a brief statement of the status of the agricultural societies of the commonwealth. His books show 101 county organizations, sixty three being represented by members on the state board of agriculture, and which under the act of 1851, are entitled to a county bounty.

The hay crop of this country is about \$600,000,000 per annum. It is less or more some years, but is one of the most important crops grown, being in value about equal to corn and twice as much as the cotton crop. But very little of it is exported, nearly the whole being consumed or finding a market at home. The growing of hay pays as well as any staple crop on the farm.

PHILADELPHIA had a fire on Sunday morning which destroyed property estimated to be worth a million and a half dollars. The Haseltine building and the American Baptist Publication building were totally destroyed and the Lafayette Hotel damaged to the extent of about \$35,000. The Haseltine collection of pictures, worth \$350,000, was also destroyed. The fire occurred at Broad and Chestnut streets.

A REPUBLICAN contemporary says: "The people of this country are losing \$8,000,000 a year by slaughtering their sheep, instead of clipping the fleeces, as they did before the duty was taken off wool." On the other hand, the people of this country are making \$40,000,000 a year, by reason of the removal of tariff on wool, in being enabled to purchase cheaper and better clothing, flannels and blankets.

NEW YORK architects have completed plans for a 200 story building in that city. The plans were prepared by order of a Gotham capitalist who proposes to have the structure erected. It will occupy an entire city block. It is designed somewhat after the Eiffel tower, except that it will be nearly three times as high. There will be a total of 24,000,000 square feet of space on the 200 floors. It will contain 100,000 separate offices or rooms, capable of accommodating 400,000 persons under one roof.

MR. and Mrs. John W. Mackay and their son Clarence were among the passengers on board La Touraine, the French liner which arrived at New York, on Saturday, after a tempestuous voyage. The Mackays brought with them the body of their son John W., who was thrown from his horse and killed while hunting at his country seat near Paris, October 18 last. The remains will be taken to San Francisco, where they will be placed in the magnificent mausoleum recently erected by the elder Mackay.

IN these days when the genius of reform is abroad in the land and political trailers everywhere find it necessary to take desperate means of self defense, it is not surprising to see even so astute an old stager as Tom Platt, the Republican boss of New York, come forward with a tale of woe about treason in his party camp, the knavish tricks of reformers and the ruin that hangs over the Republican party if it does not stand by the art of making the party machinery contribute to their own aggrandizement.

The Republicans in the senate, having warmed the free silver viper in their bosoms, are now suffering the consequences of their own greed and political contrivance. The Dingley "Revenue" bill, like the Dingley bond bill, has been reported back to the senate with all the Dingley business cut out of it and a free coinage proposition substituted. This Populist strikes at the public credit from under the cloak of Republicanism. Happily, in this instance protectionism of one sort has been side-tracked and submerged by protectionism of another sort. They are both of the same brood, and bottomed upon the same vicious principle.

Among the queer items in the auditors' report is that under the head of "classification of expenditures" in the report of the receipts and expenditures of poor and home employment as published in this issue. The items are as follows: "By amount expended by Thos. Hoover for three months ending March, 1895, \$8,579.34; Am't paid Thomas Hoover for 15 trips to Johnston, and pumping not included in above amount, \$375.00; amount expended by Thomas J. Hughes for 9 months ending December 31, 1895 \$16,556.94," and the classification ends.

Of course the intelligent reader will get at a glance that the object of the "jags" who for the first time interjected the "classification" into the reports was to inject into the reader the belief that what was costing the taxpayers under Steward Hoover about \$2,800 per month was only costing about \$1,800 under Steward Hughes. But as the classification shows nothing, and when the fact is considered that the same directors issued the orders to pay the \$8,579.34 under Hoover, that issued the orders to pay \$16,556.94 under Hughes, we conclude that the first three months were about as honestly conducted as the latter nine.

As to the item "amount paid Thomas Hoover for 15 trips to Johnston and pumping not included in above amount \$375.00," it is as clear as mud and that is about as clear as the present board of auditors could make anything. But why not include the pumping and tell us what kind of pumping was done? Was the pumping done in Johnston, or along the road or at the almshouse? Was it for pumping water, pumping beer or pumping Director Sumerville's son on the pay roll? Was one of the pumping done on each trip or was it all done at one time? If the auditors had given the items that made up the various amounts, including the "pumping" the "classification" would furnish some information, but as it is it shows to nothing.

The English parliament will meet in a few days, and the Salisbury ministry that went in with such a tremendous majority finds itself at the outset in hot water, which the patriotic fervor caused by the quick equipment for service of the flying squadron will hardly dissipate. In rejecting arbitration on the Venezuelan boundary, with the attendant result of a sharp and dangerous issue with the United States, the premier is clearly out of touch with English sentiment. John Morley, who stands in succession to Gladstone as the Liberal leader in the canvass for a seat in parliament at a bye-election, has declared in favor of arbitration to settle the boundary question. The Liberals will also challenge the Armenian-Turkish policy of indifference and timidity set forth in Lord Salisbury's recent speech, which is freely denounced in England. This speech sets heavy on the English conscience for one thing, and the confession of inability to discipline Turkey, while Russia, which stands ready, is prevented only by England's opposition, is something of a humiliation. The intense selfishness of the foreign policy of Britain has its best illustration in these incidents.

SENATOR QUAY, says the Pittsburg Post is an apostle of the quality of "smartness" in politics, hence he should congratulate the silverites on the persistent and curious way they press their financial fad, instead of showing temper, as he is alleged to have done. The senator well knows the so-called emergency tariff bill, which is an attempt to revive McKinleyism, does not stand the ghost of a chance of becoming law. His riding that horse, therefore, is simply on a par with the tactics of the silverites, as they know there is no chance of a free coinage law. It is a case of diamond cut diamond. The senator when he promoted the bargain which gave the silverites, control of the senate finance committee dealt winning cards to his colleague and other free coinage senators. There is no more chance of the tariff bill becoming a law than there is of free coinage, and both should be dropped.

The advocates of high protective tariffs never tire of referring to the year 1892 as indicating the flood tide of industrial prosperity in the United States. There is no doubt that 1892 was a prosperous year. There was an extraordinary European demand both in 1891 and in 1892 for our agricultural products, which helped matters materially. It may, however, astonish our manufacturers to know that in 1892 our exports of manufactured goods were less by nearly 49 million dollars than in the year 1895. The country is striding forward at a great pace in finding a foreign market for manufactured goods. In 1892 our manufactures were less than one-sixth of our total exports. In 1895 they were one-fourth of the exports. This is a marvelous change following upon a modification of tariff rates chiefly in the direction of untaxing raw materials.

A rich gold discovery is reported from Flint Creek, in the Georgetown Montana district. Nine weeks ago Sam Snyder, a destitute and hungry Butte prospector, trailed a deer over the hills and accidentally discovered a fabulously rich ledge, which he has since been working alone and in secret. He went to town a few days ago with thousands of dollars' worth of gold, and the reports of men who have since inspected the property say that Snyder has a million dollars in sight, his prospect hole is only about ten feet deep. The vein is only eight inches wide so far as developed, but is yellow with virgin gold. The report has caused a stampede into the new district.

An anarchist threw a stone at King Charles, who was riding in an open carriage at Lisbon. The anarchist was arrested.

MEXICO'S population, according to a new census, is 12,542,077.

Washington Letter.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 1, 1896.—President Cleveland spent a day duck-shooting this week and that may have started the rumor of his intention to decline forwarding to the European nations which signed the Berlin treaty that concurrent congressional resolution, expressing sympathy for the Armenians and calling upon the powers named to enforce the Berlin treaty and compel Turkey to protect the Armenians, on the ground that to do so would be a violation of the American policy inaugurated by Washington and endorsed by all our presidents, of avoiding entanglements in European politics. Whether the president has any such intention is doubtful. The resolution itself being a concurrent one does not require the president's signature to become binding, nor can it be vetoed by him. It "re-quests" him to communicate the resolution to the governments of the countries named, and while it would be unusual for him to decline, he has the right to do so if he thinks it best. Should he do so it will not be because he does not sympathize with the condition of the Armenians, as he has expressed his sympathy for them in strong words in his annual message to congress.

Cuban matters came to the front with a rush when Senator Morgan, of Alabama, on behalf of the senate finance committee on foreign relations, reported a lengthy resolution setting forth the unfortunate condition of affairs in Cuba and their depressing effects upon our country. The resolution itself being a concurrent one does not require the president to use his good offices with Spain to get the Cubans recognized as belligerents, in order that the fighting in Cuba may be governed by the rules of war. No one expects that Spain will agree, but she doesn't it is altogether probable that the United States will, unless there is a change in the situation.

Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, made the speech this week which showed that he lacks the respect which a member should feel for the occupant of the president's chair, and that he is more of a Populist than a Democrat. It also showed why he writes more about H. Senator Thurston, of Nebraska, more than balanced the speech of Senator Wolcott, of Colorado, against the Monroe doctrine resolution, now before the senate, by one in its favor which specifically pointed out the errors upon which Mr. Wolcott built his argument. Answering the statements made in English papers about the people of the United States being divided in sentiment Senator Thurston said: "Standing on the floor of the American senate, knowing whereof I speak, I say to the people of Great Britain that the issues which have been settled by brave men upon American battlefields can never be reopened again, and there is no division of sentiment in the United States. Let but a single drum beat be heard upon the coast announcing the approach of a foreign foe, and there will spring to arms the North and South, and the world has never known; animated by a dead level loyalty to their country's flag, and marching to the mingled and inspiring strains of our two national anthems. When the war was taken and the result known, the Republicans made no effort to delay the report to the senate."

HOT IN KENTUCKY. A Physical Fight Likely to Take Place in the Legislature. FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 5.—There was a renewed interest in the balloting for senator today. Hunter's speech in the Republican caucus followed by the decision of the Republican majority in the Western-Tompkins' committee to turn out Mr. Tompkins has angered Democrats. The new theory is to retort by ejecting four Republican senators. These say they will attend the joint session and run the risk of being recognized by Lieutenant Governor Worthington.

Her Sister-in-Law Institutes Suit For False Arrest. LOS ANGELES, Feb. 5.—Mrs. Mary Holliday, a daughter of the late Allen G. Timman of Edgewood, has instituted a suit for false arrest against the late T. Holliday, formerly a ball player, in this city. The suit was brought by Mrs. Holliday, who claims to be the sister-in-law of the late Holliday, who she claims to have been arrested and imprisoned for eight days, and the proceedings against her being finally dismissed.

WILL PROTECT MISSIONARIES. The State Department Gives Strong Assurance to an Inquirer. AMHERST, Mass., Feb. 5.—President Goodell of the Amherst Agricultural college and son of Rev. William Goodell, D. D., who was for 40 years a missionary in Turkey, has been in correspondence with the state department in Washington relative to the protection of the missionaries of the American board in Turkey. He has received assurances from the department that "protection will be demanded to the fullest extent for those missionaries in Turkey who prefer to remain at their outposts and that the withdrawal of the missionaries will not be urged."

Killed His Workman by Mistake. NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Hans Theude, who conducts a beer bottling business in East One Hundred and Fifteenth street, living on the second floor with his wife and two assistants, was awakened during the night by hearing some one on the roof. He shot and killed a man standing on the fence, who proved to be one of his own workmen, hunting the thieves.

Columbian Soldiers Arrive. NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—On board the Columbian, which was General C. S. Sarria of the Colombian army, and Senor J. A. Arango, Jr., their mission is believed to be to see to it that they were coming to visit Nixon's shipyard, where a war vessel is being built for the Colombian government.

Reform in Denver. DENVER, Feb. 5.—Governor McIntyre has determined upon a complete reorganization of the Denver fire and police departments with a view to putting a stop to gambling and kindred evils in that city. It is possible that he has persuaded the children in different parts of the city.

Schletter May Have Perished. SANTA FE, N. M., Feb. 5.—Francis Schletter, the healer, has not been heard of for the last two weeks. He was last seen going to the Mogollon mining district. It is possible that he has perished in the snow.

Newspaper Proprietor Dies Suddenly. NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 5.—Mr. George Nicholson, one of the proprietors of The Picayune, has died suddenly.

H. Best of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Wash baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE TO INVESTIGATE DEBS' ARREST.

A Resolution Favorably Reported to the Senate From Committee. WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Senator Hill, from the senate committee on judiciary, reported from that committee a substitute for the resolution providing for a special committee to inquire into the imprisonment of Eugene V. Debs. The substitute directs the judiciary committee to make an investigation, and makes it general.

Refugees Flying Before the Rebels—A Correspondent Ordered Departed. HAVANA, Feb. 5.—The continued activity of the insurgents all over the island is indicated by the large number of constantly arriving refugees, who are fleeing to the towns to escape the violence of the insurgents in the country districts.

WATCH ON A VESSEL. Spanish Detectives at Perth Amboy Heavily Armed at Dinner. PERTH AMBOY, N. J., Feb. 5.—The steamer Neptune, which is at Ramsey's wharves in this city, has seven Spanish detectives watching her. They say that the Neptune is being fitted out by the Cubans. The steamer can move with 14 knots an hour. Thirty-five cases of arms and ammunition and five Hotchkiss guns are on board the Neptune. It makes an attempt to get away from the Ramsey dock the seven Spanish detectives will have her seized.

STRIKERS USE FIREARMS. A Riot to Prevent Miners From Working Near Halifax. HALIFAX, Feb. 5.—News of riotous actions on the part of the strikers at Joggins collieries in trying to prevent men from going to work, was reached here. When it was announced that 10 men had already been locked down and gone to work, a crowd of miners, some carrying firearms, assembled at the pit heads and attempted to break down the gates. The strikers were dispersed by the authorities and no one is known to have been injured. The managers have taken out papers against several of the rioters, but they have not yet been arrested.

MAY JOIN A SILVER PARTY. The National Farmers' Alliance in Session at Washington. WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union is in session at the National hotel. Each state is entitled to from one to two delegates and nearly every state is fully represented.

A NEW PENSION BILL. It Provides That a Pensioner Shall Be Served With Evidence of Suspicion. WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The house committee on invalid pensions has completed the consideration of Representative Pecker's general pension bill. It will be introduced in congress with various amendments, and when printed, will be at once reported favorably.

THE SILVER BOND BILL. It is Reported Back to the House Favorably. WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Mr. Dingley, chairman of the ways and means committee, has reported back the senate free coinage substitute for the house bond bill, with the recommendation that the house non-concur and insist on its bill.

Pursued by a Demon. How many suicides, think you, reader, have been committed by persons driven distraught and hunted to their doom by the demon of the bill? Count on. For instance, we know of no less than 100 suicides in a single month—a sort of minor madness produced by chronic "demon" of the silver bond bill. It is a dangerous and insidious disease, and it is, therefore, of importance to prevent the arrival of disease at its chronic phase. It is a dangerous and insidious disease, and it is, therefore, of importance to prevent the arrival of disease at its chronic phase.

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