

FIRE destroyed an entire block of buildings, Monday evening, opposite the Smithsonian Institute. Washington. Two firemen were killed, two seriously injured and four are missing.

CADIZ, Ohio, farmers say there never has been a season when there were more of the Colorado potato bugs. They are destroying potatoes as fast as they come up. In some places farmers say the bugs are even eating the thistles.

His recent matrimonial venture has had a sobering effect upon the Hon. Benjamin Harrison. In an interview some days ago, he expressed himself as very doubtful of the election of a Republican candidate for president in November next.

A CLEVELAND, Ohio, despatch says that "in six months from this date the Standard Oil Company will close its immense plant in that city and withdraw one of the largest industries of Cleveland." About 400 men will be thrown out of work.

THERE is need that President Cleveland should again ask congress to make proper provision for protecting the reserve. Congress has already assumed the responsibility of inaction, and by so doing has taken upon itself whatever risk or blame may be incurred by a further issue of bonds and a failure to provide for the retirement of the redundant and dangerous greenbacks and treasury notes.

THE Venezuelan government has agreed to pay the \$5,000 demanded by Great Britain for the Yuruan incident (the arrest and imprisonment of a British police officer, on condition that it is considered simply as indemnity for personal damages, and not as affecting the boundary dispute. It has, however, not consented to make a public apology to Great Britain as a prerequisite to resumption of diplomatic relations.

SPEAKER REED, who maintained a decorous silence while McKinley's advance agents were rampaging around New England, can contain himself no longer as he views the grotesque spectacle of a boom which started out with such tremendous impetuosity now carefully balancing its precious self upon a fence top for considerations of safety; and he remarked on Monday last, in his cutting style: "McKinley doesn't want to be called a gold bug or a silver bug, so he has compromised on a straddle bug."

OUR currency, based as it is on gold redemption, was never before so uniformly good in every part of the Union. The wages labor, paid in this currency, are higher than in any other civilized country. Under these circumstances: what possible inducement can there be for workmen, professional men, persons with fixed salaries, or any other part of our population unless it be those who have silver bullion to sell, to change the standard of value, thereby cutting down wages and salaries one-half bringing the whole business of the country into a condition of confusion and panic?

THE claim of Mr. Henry A. Dupont for the vacant seat in the senate from the state of Delaware was decided adversely to him on Friday by a majority of one. The result of all the legal and constitutional arguments for and against was that the Republican senators to a man voted in favor of the claim; that the Democrats voted just as unanimously against it; and that the Populists allied themselves solidly on the Democratic side, making the vote on the amendment, which declared that Mr. Dupont was not entitled to the seat, 31 to 30. A second vote on the resolution thus resulted in exactly the same figures. There was no attempt on the part of the Republicans to postpone the decisive issue.

THE resignation of Judge Nelson of the United States district of Minnesota was received by President Cleveland at the White House on Friday morning and after very short consideration the president decided to fill the vacancy by the appointment of Judge Lochren without consultation with the latter. Judge Nelson's resignation was not unexpected, as he has reached the age of retirement and has taken advantage of the law which permits him to retain his salary after leaving the bench. The same day President Cleveland sent to the senate the following nominations: William Lochren of Minnesota, vice S. R. Nelson, resigned.

Dominic C. Murphy of Pennsylvania, deputy commissioner of pensions, vice William Lochren, resigned.

Napoleon J. T. Dana of New Hampshire to be first deputy commissioner of pensions, vice Murphy.

SAMUEL FETTERS, of Chester county, has refused to receive his pension money from the government. The department officials say his case is only the second of the kind that has come under their observation since the war.

Fetters during the war contracted a disease which his physicians pronounced chronic, and he applied for and received a good sized pension. This he drew regularly until a short time ago, when his health began to improve, and finally he was completely restored to his former vigor. Then he wrote to the department to cease sending the pension. This was not done, and when the next pension day came he promptly sent the money back to Washington. Thinking Fetters was insane the department sent an inspector to investigate the case, and the result is that his name has been taken off the rolls.

THE Louisville Courier Journal prints a letter from Secretary of the Treasury Carlisle to Hon. John H. Jones, of Prestonsburg, Ky., in which Mr. Carlisle defines his position on the monetary question as follows:

"My position upon this subject is briefly this. I am opposed to the free coinage of either gold or silver but in favor of unlimited coinage of both upon terms of exact equality. No discrimination should be made in favor of one metal and against the other, nor should any discrimination be made in favor of the holders of either gold or silver bullion and against the great body of the people who own other kinds of property."

"It is scarcely necessary to say that a gross discrimination would be made between the two metals if the owners of silver bullion were permitted to have fifty-one or fifty-two cents worth of silver coined and stamped as a dollar, when the owners of gold bullion were required to present 100 cents worth of gold in order to have their metal coined and stamped as a dollar. The two metals are coined upon terms of exact equality only when a dollar's worth of silver is contained in the silver dollar and a dollar's worth of gold is contained in the gold dollar and when no more is charged for the coinage of one than for the coinage of the other."

ON Monday George Donaldson, a banker and politician of Columbus, Ohio, in an interview said: "The McKinley men are going to see some real trouble soon. If McKinley is nominated on a gold platform the delegates from nine western states are going to get up and walk out of the convention. At the head of the bolters will be Senator Teller and his own state, Colorado, back of him. But McKinley is not going to be nominated. You may think he is, but you will find out your mistake by this time next month. The temporary organization of the convention is bound to be against him, because thirty one of the forty-five members of the Republican national committee are opposed to McKinley."

"One thing more. A scheme is on whereby the opponents of the Canton man will control the committee on credentials, and then see where a lot of his southern delegates will come in. McKinley cannot count on those southern darkies any more. The fellow who buys them last generally gets them, if they don't forget which side they last sold out to. These sure things in politics never pan out. Blaine had a sure thing on the nomination in 1876, Grant in '80 and Sherman in '88, and none of them got there."

EX-SENATOR PLATT of New York, has given out another statement in which he says: "The McKinley managers have undertaken to break the force of my charge that his financial record shows that he is an unsafe leader for the Republican party at this time, by printing extracts from his recent speeches. These extracts consist of a lot of general phrases about the necessity of having a 'currency as good as the best,' of our 'keeping all our dollars equal in value,' and all that sort of thing. But the McKinley managers are away from the point. The point is not that McKinley has made no remarks and cast no votes that tend to the maintenance of good money, but that he has made all sorts of remarks and cast all sorts of votes."

"The Republican delegates, therefore, should find a candidate who will take office with the confidence of the country and not with its apprehension and distrust; who is known to be a free agent and not mortgaged up to his eyes with pledges that he can never perform and expectations that can never be satisfied; who is safe and not erratic, conservative and not impulsive, firm and not impressionable. If these general principles are agreed to, they render the selection of Major McKinley impossible."

THE executive committee of the New York Democracy has resolved to send a committee to the Chicago convention whose mission shall be "to urge the adoption of a sound financial plank and the nomination of a candidate whose record and utterances fit him to stand on such a platform." In this resolution are summed up the whole duty and policy of the Democratic party in this campaign; and both the duty and the policy have been made imperative by the Republican canvass of expediency, which has found its chief inspiration in the fact that its foremost candidate has been on all four sides of the currency question. Already the Republican campaign gives signs of weakening. A Democratic campaign upon the lines indicated by New York would offer the highest possible guarantee of party success and in any event would contribute confidence and strength to all business interests.

LAST week we tripped up the Gosling's figures when it attempted to explain the causes of the hard times and this week, in reply, it quotes an article of Henry Hall, in the Pittsburg Times which abounds in figures but not in facts, the gist of which is in the declaration that "if the Wilson bill were passed what the McKinley bill did—producing revenue to meet expenses"—and this in face of the fact that at the end of Harrison's administration the treasury was empty, the \$100,000,000 surplus left by Cleveland's former administration gone, and the plates prepared for printing bonds to meet the necessities of the government. Mr. Hall, like the Gosling, evidently bases his statements on the assumption that the people have short memories.

It is announced that Senator Vorhees of Indiana will retire from public life at the end of his present term. His failing health has given his friends concern for more than a year past. It is believed that if his health will permit he will seek to recover strength by a trip to Europe.

Washington Letter.

Washington, May 15th, 1896.—President Cleveland has never signed a river and harbor bill, and there isn't one chance in a thousand that he will sign the one passed by the senate this week, which provides for spending the unheard of sum, in this connection, of \$70,000,000. It is confidently expected that President Cleveland will not sign this in a ringing message showing the reckless extravagance of the Republicans.

There are a Democratic members of the A. P. A., but if those who attend to the meetings of the supreme council of that organization, at Washington this week, are not convinced that they are out of their element it is difficult to imagine what would convince them. Not being members, they assert that McKinley cannot a member of the organization. They are vouching for its truth, but those who are members assert that McKinley has bought off the opposition. Anyway the A. P. A. isn't going to oppose McKinley.

Secretary Olney has been using some plain language in Spain in connection with the American claim. It is proposed to execute a treaty of a court martial in Cuba, and he is prepared to talk still plainer if necessary to prevent punishment out of proportion to their offense being given them at the civil trial which Spain has promised them.

Not a single Democratic member of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce voted for the Mahon Nicaragua canal bill, which was this week ordered to be favorably reported to the senate by that committee. This is creditable to the Democrats on that committee. It is a Republican bill, founded upon the Republican idea of public subsidies for private enterprise. It might as well appropriate \$100,000,000 outright as to provide for government ownership of the canal. The Pacific railroads before them the people of the country should never endorse another scheme to loan the public credit to private corporations. If congress regards the building of the Nicaragua canal as a public necessity let it provide for buying the interest of the private company and for having the canal built by the government. We have already had enough of the results of government partnership with private individuals. Car Reed has not yet indicated whether he will allow this bill to pass at this session.

Senator Smith of N. J., returned to Washington more convinced than ever that the Democrats can win this year if they exercise care and discretion. Speaking of the state convention in New Jersey he said: "The Democrats gathered at Trenton with as much vim and spirit as they ever did. There were plenty of candidates for delegates to the national convention, and among the rank and file there was a very general opinion that if the national convention would only do the right thing on the money question there was hope of carrying New York, and that Connecticut and New Jersey would certainly be in the Democratic fold."

Railroad men as a rule regard political conventions merely for the money they put into their coffers by the increase in travel. The work of a prominent railroad, now in Washington, contain not a little encouragement for Democrats. "The premature capture of the Republican nomination by McKinley is killing interest in the St. Louis convention, but the railroads will do much better business. The contest over the financial question will be sure to attract interest and spectators, and although Chicago didn't know it at the time, she got the best convention so far as attendance is concerned."

The Democratic senators—Harris, Vest and Wallah—who form the majority of the subcommittee of the senate finance committee which has been designated by Senator Morrill, that foxy old Republican, to investigate the issues of bonds by this administration, are too smart to fall into the trap which has been set for them by the Republicans. They were selected because of their being silver Democrats, with the hope that they would use their position to widen the financial breach in the Democratic party. The other members of the subcommittee are Jones, of Nevada, and Platt of Connecticut. Secretary Carlisle notified the committee as soon as it was organized, and he would render all possible assistance. He has been asked to submit a statement in writing covering all the bond issues, and from that the committee will decide whether it wishes to examine Mr. Carlisle personally.

Representative Livingston, of Ga., who has just returned from his home, says: "I do not pretend to speak for any other state, but the Democrats of Georgia do not know how to bolt the regular ticket, and we are not going to carry at the coming election. If we are put out in the convention we will return home and support the nominee, and we expect the other fellows to do likewise."

YORK, Pa., May 17.—An uproar was created to-day at the funeral of George Brougher by his son-in-law, Oscar Blaser. The latter insisted that he could not be happy until he had shot a few bullets into the corpse. Quiet remonstrances were of no avail and when Blaser, brandished his weapon and declared he would shoot the dead man, the excitement among the people present became intense. Ever since Blaser first paid attention to Brougher's daughter there had been ill feeling between the two men, and to-day's scene was the culmination. In the midst of the tumult which he created, a policeman appeared and arrested him. He was offered his liberty if he would go home and quiet down, but Blaser declared he would not rest till he had shot the dead man. He was then locked up. Blaser is a member of Ridge Avenue Methodist Church and his conduct created a sensation.

More Frouble With Indians. Washington, May 17.—Trouble between the Indians on the Togue River Reservation in Montana and the white settlers in the neighborhood is not improbable and troops have been asked for to avert a possible outbreak. This is the result of depredations committed by the Indians on the cattle of the whites, and the situation now is such that Captain W. H. Stouch, the acting agent here, has notified Commissioner of Indian Affairs Browning of the strained condition and asked for a detail of two troops of cavalry to be sent to the reservation to preserve order. This recommendation has been forwarded to the secretary of war for action.

The troops are asked to co-operate with the agency authorities in maintaining order and restraining and preventing the Indians from committing further depredations on the stock. In urging this request, Acting Secretary of the Interior Sims says that this military assistance be given for so long a time as may be deemed necessary.

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Cyclone swept. Frankfort, Kan., May 17.—The most destructive cyclone that ever visited this portion of the state struck this city about 5 o'clock this afternoon. The cyclone was preceded by a heavy fall of rain and hail. Several of the farm houses were destroyed before the storm reached the city. Nearly fifty residences, besides barns and outbuildings, were totally destroyed in this city. Many of them were the finest in the city. At least 200 people are rendered homeless. No one was killed, so far as is known.

The Methodist and Christian churches are total wrecks. Many buildings are slightly damaged. The storm passed on to the northeast, dealing destruction in its path, but the track of the storm is only about eight rods wide. It is reported that the storm did much damage near Bigelow and at Vletiz. The entire western part of this city is razed to the ground.

Seneca, Kan., May 17.—A cyclone struck this place at 7 o'clock to night and destroyed one-third of the residence portion of the city. Five hundred people are homeless. The dead are two children of M. Everhees, two children of John McConnell and a son of Peter Assemaker.

Sabetha, Kan., May 17.—Twenty-five people were injured and twenty residences destroyed by a cyclone here this evening.

Two Dead, Others May Die. McDonald, Pa., May 5.—A fire entailing the loss of two lives and the probably fatal burning of five children occurred at McDonald, Pa., on Monday. A two-story dwelling was totally destroyed, and Mrs. James Cadamire and her infant child were burned to death. Five other small children who were in the house at the time ran to their mother, and were all so badly burned that but little hope is entertained for their recovery. The cause of the sad tragedy was the fatal oil can, the contents of which the mother was using to hasten the fire in the kitchen stove. She was just in the act of pouring the oil in the stove when a terrific explosion followed, and in a flash the entire room was like a roaring furnace.

Before the people living in the nearest houses could rush to the aid of the unfortunate family all that remained in the building was the charred corpse of the mother and the bodies of her arms. The children were dragged from the room with their clothing ablaze and were in the most pitiable condition.

Wind Wrecks a Circus. Elizabeth, N. J., May 18.—In a wind storm that passed over this section this afternoon performance of Hunting's circus was in progress, and the tents were crowded with spectators, principally women and children. The wind caught up the roof canvases and ripped them from their anchorings. Then the latter portions fell down into the middle of the amphitheater, causing a panic among the audience and children ran in all directions, shouting frantically. The poles came tumbling down and crashed upon the seats, and the racket that followed stamped the horses that had been performing. Fortunately no one was injured, although there were hundreds of narrow escapes. Police Sergeant James Walsh saved several lives at the risk of his own by diverting the course of the largest tent pole, which was falling toward a group of women and children who were too badly scared to move. Only one small child escaped unhurt, and the circus will have to play without a cover for a week or ten days. The loss will be \$5,000.

The Sultan in a Panic. Constantinople, May 17.—The Sultan has not yet recovered from the fright into which he was thrown by the news of the assassination of the Shah of Persia. The arrests which began almost immediately upon the receipt of the intelligence have continued during the past two weeks, until now more than 1,500 Armenians have been taken into custody. Of this number 52 have been exiled to Anatolia. Notwithstanding the fact that so many Armenians have been arrested, the agitation against the Sultan is rather among the Young Turks than the Armenians. A number of Young Turks have also been arrested, and of them a number have been exiled to Anatolia. Several of the three Turkish students at the military college at Kulehah have been arrested, but the reason therefor is not known.

The students of the Armenian college at Constantinople have been sentenced to 20 years imprisonment for having in their possession subscription lists for the relief of the Armenians in Zeitoun.

Draged to Death. New Bloomfield, Pa., May 18. Nathan Dorman, aged about 38 years, met a fatal end in this township, this county, Friday afternoon last. In company with a gentleman named Hamaker, he was driving along the road, returning from a fishing excursion. The horse became frightened and ran off, and Hamaker jumped from the carriage and escaped serious injury. Dorman attempted to do the same, but was less fortunate. His ankle caught between the spokes of the rapidly revolving wheel and he was dragged a distance of a mile and a half. The animal ran at its utmost speed and when liberated Dorman was beyond medical aid. He survived hours and was conscious till death relieved his untold suffering. He narrated clearly the details of the accident. Dorman was an employe of the Phoenixville Bridge company and was widely known in many sections of the county while employed constructing bridges. His funeral took place yesterday.

Twenty Horses Burned. Atlanta, May 18.—The Markham House was burned last night, loss \$300,000. The fire started in a restaurant on Decatur street and quickly spread to Patterson's livery stables, Patterson got out some of his horses, but twenty were burned to death. Falling telegraph poles broke the electric light and trolley wires, causing consternation among the thousands of spectators who choked up the streets. No one, however, was injured by the fires. On the railroad tracks within fifty feet of the Markham House was a shed in which 3,000 gallons of oil were stored. A stream was kept playing on this shed constantly and it was saved. A negro was killed. No body else was hurt.

The Biggest Fool at Large. Is the individual who persistently neglects his health, and the means of preserving and restoring it. Many persons who are not constitutional debilitated by the use of opium, loss of sleep and food, impaired digestion, an uncertain condition of the bowels and symptoms of biliousness are so many warnings of the approach of disease. To disregard them is to invite, if not to incur, a fatal result. It is a well known fact that many persons who are not constitutional debilitated by the use of opium, loss of sleep and food, impaired digestion, an uncertain condition of the bowels and symptoms of biliousness are so many warnings of the approach of disease. To disregard them is to invite, if not to incur, a fatal result.

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