CAPITOL GOSSIP

GLARING PENSION FRAUDS DIS-COVERED ALREADY.

session to be Called in September. Reforms in all Departments.

Washington, May 15 .- Speaker Crisp, after spending a week in Washington, left for home Saturday night. He was in a glorious good humor, as he had a right to be, for it is now as certain as anything in the future can be that he will be elected Speaker of the next house. President Cleveland informed him before he left that he had fully decided, notwithstanding the arguments presented by prominent members of the party in favor of an earlier date, not to'call an extra session of Congress before September.

The leaders of the democratic party have it is stated agreed upon four things to be pressed when Congress meets, and it is probable that President Cleveland's message to Congress, and may be his proclamation calling May 10, 1893." the extra session, will be largely devoted to arguments for speedy action upon them-the repeal of the obnoxious Federal election laws; the levying of an income tax; the repeal of the Shercurrency issued by state banks, and a ing the duties.

Secretary Carlisle defied the high tried to bulldoze him into retaining you? yes, but you are getting gray !" the republican chiefs of divisions in his department, and is proceeding to replace them with democrats, just as he at first intended to do, and working democrats admire him more than the division were thirteen regimentsever.

Reforms in keeping with democratic ideas are being quietly introduced into all of the government departments as fast as their heads have an opportunigrown up under republican rule. Secretary Herbert's order that no more naval officers should be granted leave of absence to enter private employ was followed by Secretary Lamont's determination to stop similar abuses in the army, and not only to refuse to allow it in future but to revoke the leaves of and other friends, says the Harrisburg chance of finding sufficient salable foroccupations, except those granted by special acts of Congress. Secretary Lamont has also announced his intention to make almost a reorganization in that important branch of the War department known as the division of records and pension. This division is closely associated with the Pension Bureau, as it has to verify the army record of every applicant for a pension. Some forty or fifty changes have already been made in this division.

It may be true that Comptroller of Currency Eckels has had no experience in the actual details of banking, but the promptness with which he has acted during the past few days, when ing, has convinced the Treasury officials and the banking world that he is thoroughly posted upon the laws that govern banks and that as a cool-headed business man he has never had a the door wide open and sailed out like honest or dishonest purposes, wants economy of nature, which allows no himself to be a valuable assistant to Secretary Carlisle and his promptness in dealing with suspended banks has had no little to do with restoring that public confidence without which banks of no kind can long exist. Mr. The free text book bill which now ing that young man for Comptroller. follows:

finding his place a very hard one to or controllers shall purchase text books was struck by fast line train No. 115 fill, but he is not disappointed; he did and other necessary supplies for use in and instantly killed. Just about two placed his boom for the gubernatorial purge the pension lists does not signinot suppose that he was selected to the public schools of their respective weeks ago his brother Eli was struck nomination one year hence in charge fy a conviction that there is no need take charge of the Pension Bureau districts as such new text books and and killed by the same train near the of Collector of the Port Cooper, than of entering upon this work, but rather merely to draw a salary. Already a supplies are required in addition to same place and at the same hour in whom there is no more sagacious poliseries of frauds, all put through by one those at present in use in the hands of the day. The unfortunate men were tician in the state. Cooper is a wonpension attorney, located at Norfolk, the pupils or owned by the school dis-Va., have been discovered and a force tricts, out of the school fund of the Wolf. of expert examiners are now engaged district, and when so procured the in investigating every case that this necessary books and school supplies attorney had anything to do with, the shall be furnished free of cost for use Commissioner being determined to go in the schools of said district, subject the bottom, and to punish the guilty. to the orders of the directors or con-The worst thing about the crooked trollers thereof, whose duty it shall be work done by this attorney is that it to provide for the return of and for the an appropriation of \$500,000 to supply was called to Commissioner Baum's safe keeping and care of the books, the schools with free text books. The attention last year and he declined to which shall be returned at the close of prosecute him, because it might injure the annual school term in each year, the republican party. The amount of or as the board may direct." money obtained by these fraudulent pensioners cannot be exactly stated until the examiners have concluded their investigation, but it is already nineteen hours and a few minutesknown that it is more than \$100,000. the fastest time on record. When But there is one thing that can be pos- Columbus came over it took vessels itively stated, and that is, that the about three months to make the trip, frauds will be prosecuted to the full ex- and now when we are celebrating that tent of the law by Commissioner Loch- event, the time has come down to less ren, just as fast as the necessary evi- than six days, or as much distance in dence can be gathered, regardless of one day, as then in two weeks. who or what may be injured thereby. Judge Lochren has abrogated the notorious "completed files" rule, "which timely. He vetoed the Smull handwas made by Raum to please the pen- book job, and the bill to print the sion attorney who indorsed his notes for twenty old thousand dollars soon after he took charge of the Pension

THE GOVERNOR'S PETS.

the Old Reserves at Williamspost.

Ex-Governor Andrew G. Curtin was Crisp to be Again Elected Speaker. - Extra house yesterday, says the Williams- Lick Hills, Wayne county, Ind. He A Trip by "Shank's Mar." to Philadelphia draws the following pen picture of and very eccentric. the grand old man: Old warriors and well mixed with gray, the expres- \$3,800 to carry out his project. sion of the face was that of a hero, re- Word was sent to his son who re- We are led to these reflections by an

was directed to a handshaking. To each one the ex-governor had a word, occasionally reminding some one of man silver law and of the tax on the camp episode. No faces were forgothis share in a foraging expedition, or ten, but, as the many friends sought complete revision of the tariff, lower- to share the time of his visit, he would ay: "Not too much fuss for me; I don't want to be knocked about." To muck-a-mucks of mugwumpery who another he would say: "Remember It was his expressed wish that he might meet in reunion, once more, the whole division, and have a happy event of his life in its closing days. In

After the dinner was over attention

ten infantry, two cavalry and one of artiflery. They were known in army circles as Curtin's pets, and from the evidence of yesterday's reunion, the ex-governor was the pet of the divisty to investigate abuses which have ion, who, as a hero, well deserves the name "A nation's pride."

The Small Boy Gets in His Work.

A good-hearted preacher in West Harrisburg met with an amusing adventure the other day that has caused many a smile among his congregation the bell a pull that resounded all over government. the neighborhood. "Now," said the his companions disappeared around should not put too much faith in it the wastings of coal gas reappear carea cyclone, all he could do was to ex- them in considerable quantities, was received with suspician

Cleveland made no mistake in select- awaits the governor's signature, is as

THE STEAM SHIP Campania last week crossed the ocean in five days, the young people.

quarterly reports.

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A QUEER IDEA.

An Ovation Tendered Hon, A G. Curtin by He Wants To Paper His Parlor With

Jonathan Stanhope is a wealthy faran honored guest at the Crawford mer of a section known as the Blue port Times of 11th inst., and then it is eighty-four years old, a widower

Recently he went to Richmond and A generation ago, and farther back, grasped his hand, and each one presenting his check for \$3,800 to post- when persons went anywhere, no matthought of soldier's life. The tall form master Jenkinson, asked that Columter what the distance, legs and feet so conspicuous and venerated, was the bian stamps be given in exchange. usually furnished the mode of transcentre of attraction. Standing six feet The postmaster was unable to fill the portation—they walked and got there. three, straight and finely built, with order, but Stanhope insisted upon Battalions, campmeetings, a trip to the military bearing of an old soldier, leaving the check, and the stamps Ohio, all were pretty much reached on

smoothly shaven, rather spare but concluded to paper the parlor of his all went thro that kind of locomotion. not with look of an invalid; eyes be- home with Columbian stamps at one At that day nice buggies and carriages ginning to show marks of dimness yet two and five cent denominations, and were scarce articles and the iron kindly and sympathetic, hair cut close has estimated that it will cost him horse was only a colt. Horseback tra-

counting tales of war. On the lapel of sides in Kansas City, young Stanhope incident related by Daniel Hess of his coat appeared the badge bearing who is already at Richmond trying to Linden Hall, who, when a boy, enthe words: "Seventh Reunion 5th P. prevent his father from carrying out tered the employ of merchant David R. V. C," above a Maltese cross; below his purpose. He claims that Stan- Duncan of Spring Mills, at that time it being the words: Williamsport, Pa., hope sr., is daft, a charge most bitter- one of the leading and wealthy busily denied by the old gentleman.

The Million Stamp Myth.

state, is reported in the New York chase his stock of merchandise for the World to have become insane on find- next six months. Accordingly the ing no market for 1,000,000 postage blacksmith at Spring Mills was placed stamps, which she had succeeded in in charge of Mr. Duncan's saddle horse collecting after three years of persist- to be carefully shod for the journey to ent and untiring industry in this one Philadelphia, which was to begin next direction. There is no myth so wide- morning. When the morning came ly circulated or more generally believ- the horse was found so lame in several ed than that some person, name and of his feet from having been pricked address not stated, stands ready to pay while being shod that it was out of the a handsome premium for 1,000,000 can- question to use the animal. Mr. Duncelled postage stamps. This eccentric can was not to be scared by such a tricollector is not particular about the fle and he at once started on his jourdenomination or nationality of the ney to Philadelphia on foot; reaching stamps, but will make no bargain for his destination on due schedule time less than a round million. He has no interest in any smaller sum; 999,999 iness and returned home again in the will not serve his unknown purpose in collecting cancelled stamps, says ye merchants of to-day, which of you the Philadelphia Press.

No doubt miscellaneous collections of cancelled stamps are purchased from time to time and the labors of the toilers for the million mark are two miles to see his girl unless he can not always wholly in vain. Purchas- go by horse and buggy. sers have a motive for taking these Telegraph. Like all good dominies eign and rare stamps among them to that dirt is only matter in a wrong the event will occur in the White he is always trying to assist anybody pay them for their outlay and trouble. place. Chemistry, like a thrifty bousein distress. On this occasion he was The domestic stamps may be sent wife, economizes every scrap. The which the Clevelands expect to move walking down Broad street when he abroad to meet the demands of stamp horse shoe nails dropped in the streets saw a small boy tugging at a door bell collectors there. Possibly stamps that are carefully collected, and reappear and just around the corner a group of are only slightly marked may be cleansmall boys apparently in hiding, ed and sold for use. It is asserted that dient of the ink with which I now watching their companion. Seeing this motive is really at the bottom of write was probably once the broken that the efforts the boy was making the million stamp myth. In order hoop of an oid beer barrel. The chipto ring the bell were without result, to get people to make collections the pings of the traveling tinker are mixthe minister stepped up to him and story is industriously circulated where ed with the parings of horses' hoofs said good naturedly. "Can't you it will do the most good and large sup- and the worst kinds of woolen rags, ring the bell, little boy? Let me help plies of stamps obtained under cover and these are worked up into an exyou," and grasping the handle he gave of it for the purpose of defrauding the quisite blue dye, which graces the dress

Two Unfortunate Men

William Rhoades, of Mount Wolf, York county, while walking on the Commissioner Lochren is already "Sectton 1. That school directors railroad track on Thursday afternoon,

> change will be gradual, as the books now in the hands of pupils will not

THE LEGISLATURE will adjourn June 1. That ends the legislative nonsense for 1893. It is astonishing what a jumble of nonsense has been proposed in the matter of tax and road reform, and if some of the "reform" ideas had become laws, and attempted PATTISON put in two vetoes that are to be enforced, either the dear people would have gone crazy or they would have sworn the law makers were cra-

E OLDEN TIME

WHEN WALKING GREAT DISTANCES WAS COMMON.

to Buy Goods Was Often Made by Centre County Merchants.

dressed in an ordinary suit, with sack have been ordered from Washington. foot, as many of the older readers of coat and black Fedora hat; with face Mr. Stanhope reports that he has the REPORTER are well aware, for they vel was the tony way.

ness men of the county. Mr. Duncan had set his time and made all preparations to go on his semi-annual trip A young woman in Berwick, of this to Philadelphia on horseback, to purby "shank's mare," transacted his bussame "conveyance." Think 'o that, would think of going to Philadelphia on horseback saying nothing about going on foot?

Why a feller now-a-days won't go

The Conquests of Modern Science.

Surely I have established my thesis boy with a fiendish grin on his dirty something back of the alleged necessi- are taken in the morning as seidlitz ing in the Sixth Auditor's Office of face, "you've got to run like the devil; ty of some eccentric collector for just powder to remove the effect of the the Treasury. She is the widow of the corner. The minister was too daz- or lay too great store on finding an fully preserved in the lady's smelling son in the White House. Polk's pried to take the boy's advice, and a mo- immediate purchaser if after long toil bottle, or are used by her to flavor vate secretary, Knox Walter, had sevment later when a very excited and a round million is finally obtained. blane-manges for her friends. All eral children born in the White House angry woman with a red face pulled Any one wanting stamps, either for thrift of material is an imitation of the and one was born to Fred Grant. waste. Everything has its destined ican Review.

> sense in placing his candida-THE BILL providing for free text tician. Col. J. H. Lambert, of the books in the public schools has passed Philadelphia Press, will have charge both branches of the legislature, and of the literary end of the boom, and now goes to the governor for his ap- George B. Orlady, of Huntingdon, Hoerner, being brothers, were lured to proval. The bill will be followed by will seek to keep it alive by his eloquence on the stump.

> > J. D. Murray.

Fires Put Out.

in the mountains.

A NATIONAL EVENT

A dispatch was sent out from Washtaken a sentimental interest in its chief subject from the time of her rothe White House.

Cleveland was not well, and she passthe preparations of dainty garments ernment should not stand by its usage disappeared from the newspaper col. as punctiliously as any Government

the White House a rumor of like im- a mere form to the woman which he port, which had been in circulation for might not to the blood royal.-Philasome time before the inauguration, delphia Press, has taken definite form and has been an accepted fact among Mrs. Cleve. here if the Infanta Eulalie is not treatland's friends ever since she came to ed right let her come on to Centre

the White House. to attend her in her sickness, and has

these two agents in affirming or deny- saying nothing about etiket, and send ing the report; but it is set in circula- you home rejoicing. tion so circumstantially that there is little reason to ask a confirmation from them. The date named is in July.

What will interest Washington particularly now is the question whether House or at the summer home in some time during the coming week. It would deprive it of one half its rohouse, and it would possess hardly any historical significance.

There have been other babies born the White House. The first of these was the child of Major Donnelson, private secretary to President Jackson. Major Donnelson was a cousin of Mrs. Jackson and the President himself

SPEAKING of pension frauds, the plain and apologize—an apology that doubtless, but is not concerned about place in the process of the universe, in New York World remarks: The rethat number being exactly one mil- which there is not a blade of grass or ported discovery of extensive pension even a microbe too much, if we pos- frauds perpetrated by an attorney of sessed the knowledge to apply them Norfolk, Va., is not as startling as it to their fitting purposes. - North Amer- would be if there were not every reason to expect similar developments. It may safely be regarded as the first of a series of shameful discoveries sure FROM REPUBLICAN sources it is an- to be made. The bitter outcry that nounced that General Hastings has been made against any attempt to cry, especially the more that comes Hastings has shown much common es, the more reason for prosecuting investigation with vigor.

Lured to New York.

Two Harrisburgers, calling them-New York, a few days ago by green goods circulars. They were to pay on his leg, doctors said he was incura-\$650 for \$10,000 counterfeit stuff. The promptness and certainty of its When the transaction was over, the be discarded until used up, which will cures have made Chamberlain's Cough Harrisburg men found their satchel not take a very long time, with the Remedy famous. It is intended espe- contained a brick, instead of green prospect of new and free books before cially for coughs, colds, croup and goods, and one of them rushed into a whooping cough, and is the most ef- saloon where one of the green goods fectual remedy known for these dis- dealers named Philips, had remained eases. Mr. C. B. Main, of Union City, with one of the Halls, and accusing Pa., says: "I have a great sale on him of causing him, Hall, to be robb-Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I ed of \$650, he drew a pistol and shot warrant every bottle and have never Philips in the groin. It is thought heard of one failing to give entire sat- Philips will die, and the two Hoerisfaction." 50 cent bottles for sale by ners have been put under arrest for the shooting. Philips has died since.

Married at Bellefonte.

bird-book in the state agricultural Zy. It is amusing to see boobies pro- the mountain fires. Brilliant lights R. Jenkins, a prominent business man, appointment of any but American citposing tax reform who have no con- were seen at night in the direction of and Mrs. Kate Stott, were married at izens in the erection or improvement ception whatever of the intricate sub- Brush valley, where fires were raging the home of the bride's father at Belle- of public institutions or works to fonte, by Rev. Houck.

EULALIA INVITED.

A Rumor Sent Out from the Privacy of the A Spanish Princess Coming to the U.S. Cre-

ates a Hubbub The Infanta Eulalie's visit is raising ing, on on Monday morning, which a ridiculous pother in Chicago and excites more than usual interest. It New York among people who lack says at the end of Mrs. Cleveland's either enough intelligence or enough first year in the White House, a rumor | national pride to understand that the was started which soon gained great general rule is that a member of a royproportions and caused some excite- al family accepts the etiquette of the ment among the good ladies who had court they visit. If this was a country with a king and a court the Spanish Minister and the Infanta would acmantic marriage to the President in cept this without hesitation. As it is a republic, they ask President Cleve-The rumor grew and grew. Then land to give up a practice which has there was a sudden silence. Mrs. held from the foundation of the government. The President pays no vised through a brief but dangerous ill- its to greet members of royal families, ness and from that day the mention of and there is no reason why our Govin Christendom, though no one will Since the return of the Clevelands to blame President Cleveland if he yields

The REPORTER would add right Hall, and we will do the handsome, It will account for the "sudden ill- and give her a good American recepness" report in a New York newspa- tion. We will have a carriage for her per, which, it is said, prevented her at the station, and have a royal good attending the Columbian ball. Mrs. dinner ready for her; show her through Cleveland last week took the first step the REPORTER office; show her the in the matter. She notified the phy. water works, of which we are so proud; sician and the nurse whom she wishes take her through the stores to see the latest styles of goods; show her the imnamed the approximate date when she plement works; give her a drive needs their services. The necessity for through our romantic mountain rangdoing this so soon lies in the fact that es and a trout fishing excursion, topthe event will occur in the summer ping off with a trout supper, and season, when many physicians are on when Eulalie is ready to leave will fill her lunch basket with cold chicken, The nurse, whom Mrs. Cleveland bologna sausage, cheese, and other has named, is not an old negro mam- American dainties, with three cheers my, the usual Washington attendant for a send off, so that when she goes on such occasions, but an English wo- back to old Spain she can entertain man who has been in this country a the Spanish court with stories of "how short time only. The physician, it is they do things" at Centre Hall. understood, is Dr. R. Tabor Johnson. Come up here, Eulalie dear, and we'll Professional reasons would prevent show genuine American hospitality,

A NEW PENSION ORDER.

The acting commissioner of pensions t Washington, Mr. D. I. Murphy, is decidedly of the opinion that among the 958,000 pensioners on the colls there are many fraudulent cases, and with a view to purging the lists of such as can be reached he has issued an order to special examiners in the field directing them to use all diligence in searching out such cases. The order is in part as follows:

"The examiners are instructed to use extreme caution and wise discrimination, as it is not the intention to disturb any just allowance of pension nor is it intended that special examinof courtly dames. The dregs of port held the Donnelson baby at the christ-While, therefore, there is probably wine, carefully decanted by the toper, ening. She is alive today, and workly neighbors. In addition to making inquiry with those with whom the the suspension of national banks for a that's the way we do," and he and that the way we do," and he and the claims, it is believed that postmasters especially in rural districts) may be relied upon to furnish accurate information. In the larger towns and cities information may be sought from the real veterans of the war, who believe that the pension roll should be a roll of honor; from members of councils, aldermen, assessors and such other persons who may be found to pass information in their various neighborhoods. But all statements obtained should be corroborated before the matter is reported to the bureau."

Specimen Cases.

S. H. Clifford, New Cassel, Wis., was troubled with Neuralgis and Rheumatism, his Stomach was disordered, his Liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.

Edward Shepherd, Harrisburg, Ill., had a running sore on his leg of eight years' standing. Used three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and his leg is sound and well. John Speaker, Catawba, O., had five large Fever sores ble. One bottle Electric Bitters and one box Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him entirely. Sold by J. D. Murray.

For Sale,

A desirable property situated in Centre Hall. Good dwelling house, stable, and outbuildings. Large lot of fruit on the lot. The property will be sold cheap and at a bargain. For further particulars inquire at the REPORTER

THE FOLLOWING house bills failed to pass: Prohibiting the killing of wild deer or having them in poeses-The damp weather has now put out On Tuesday evening, Mr. William sion for three years; prohibiting the which state funds are appropriated.