

MR. BLAINE. Mr. Blaine is fortunate in more ways than one. He is rich in money, rich in talents and in more assurance than most any man in public life.

His original idea was that he would find capital in a general removal of offices by Arthur. He wanted to be persecuted. He longed to pose as a martyr.

STATE FINANCES. The following statement, issued Friday, the 10th inst., shows the amount in the State Treasury January 31, 1882, exclusive of moneys appropriated to the sinking fund:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Farmers and Mechanics' National Bank, People's Bank Philadelphia, First Nat. Bank, etc.

—Capt. Eads has drawn from the Treasury about \$4,500,000... his Mississippi job and he claims one million more to square accounts.

—Secr. Robeson, ex Secretary of the Navy, under Grant, has introduced a bill in Congress granting a subsidy to a line of fast steamers from the eastern end of Long Island to Millford Haven, Wales.

—The last half of the winter proved to be as snowy and severe as the first half was mild and moist.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES.

—Among the novelties of the Crystal Palace Electrical Exhibition, in London, are electric till tell-tales—said to be capable of recording the amounts placed in the tills and to be so arranged that they cannot falsify; a silk-treating machine, which records by electrical means the defects in a thread of silk passed through it at the rate of a mile in eight minutes; an electrical water-level indicator, showing, at any distance and by means of a single wire, fluctuations in the height of water in reservoirs, tanks, steam-boilers and tidal waves; and a system of time-keeping in which any number of clocks are worked by one regulator, the whole arrangement being electrically-manufactured, neither the regulator nor the clocks requiring winding, setting or adjusting.

—A prize of about \$1000 is offered by the Real Instituto Veneto for the best history of the "experimental method" in Italy. The application of this method to the physical sciences is chiefly to be expanded. Memoirs must be sent in before the end of February, 1882.

—Experimenting on dogs, M. Severn has found that coffee produces anemia of the stomach and retards digestion. Its habitual use must, therefore, lead to dyspepsia. Continuing his experiments, M. Severn has become convinced that sugar acts powerfully in aiding digestion, and he freely prescribes its use in cases of dyspepsia. From these experiments he draws the practical lesson that the infusion of coffee should be sufficiently sweetened to stimulate the secretory function, and thus assist digestion.

ers of the dust. The quantity of mineral matters thus falling is often very considerable. In 1811 a shower of many hundred stones occurred in Crems, one of the pieces weighing 260 pounds and another 120. On the west coast of Greenland were found the largest unbroken masses on record, and the largest specimen, weighing 25 tons, is now in the Royal Academy of Stockholm. A well-founded estimate places the number of aerolites which reach the earth annually at 5,600 at least. It is probable that in early geological ages the fall was much greater than now. It has continued year after year through a vast lapse of time, furnishing good grounds for the extending belief that the earth is covered with mineral additions to its substance from the accumulation of meteoric matter.

—Cases of diphtheria are reported by a medical authority to have resulted from damp walls. The walls became wet, then mouldy, and clusters of fungi soon appeared, when the children sleeping in the room were attacked by diphtheria.

—From observations of the diffusion of sunlight by clouds, M. Clouandot was induced to experiment with mineral wool, or spun slag, in order to ascertain its effect upon the light of the electric arc. He has found that when the rays pass through this substance, seventy-five or eighty per cent. of the light becomes available for illumination; while the ordinary processes make useful not more than forty-five or fifty per cent.

—Transits of Venus across the face of the sun have been employed by astronomers to determine the sun's distance from the earth. These transits occur at alternate intervals of 8 and 121 1/2 and 108 1/2 years. The transits of 1761, 1784 and 1874 were observed with great care from various parts of the world. The transit of 1874 especially was a matter of great interest and attention, as it was hoped that the errors from previous observations might be corrected. Observing parties were sent out by many countries, and improved means of investigation—namely photography—were employed. Results have not yet been given in full, but as nearly as can be at present judged the distance of the sun is about 92,000,000 miles. The next transit of Venus will occur Dec. 6th of the present year, and will be the last for nearly a century and a quarter. The occurrence of this phenomenon will form the astronomical event of the year. Already observing expeditions are being organized in various parts of the world, and localities for observing stations are being selected. Bad weather interfered seriously in 1874, and stations will be chosen with special reference to the probability of clear weather.

WASHINGTON.

[FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11, 1882. The newspapers in all parts of the country are asking what has become of the star route prosecutions. They do not refer to the petty straw bond cases, but to those which, as so repeatedly charged, involved thousands of dollars illegally taken from the government. The prosecution on more than one occasion declared in most positive terms that it possessed evidence sufficient to establish its accusations and convict the accused. First one excuse and then another has been offered for the delay, and now the people of the country simply want to know whether the charges of the prosecution or the counter-charges of the defense are true. The accused maintain that these cases have been kept in existence and the public interest in them kept alive in order that certain persons might continue to draw pay for supposed services from the national treasury. If anything is ever done with the cases there is no reason apparent to outsiders why the prosecution should not go on now. The Guilean case is out of the way and its courts can give their attention to the alleged star route ring.

Interest in the convicted and condemned Guilean seems to have waned considerably and no further attention is paid to his movements except by his relatives and counsel. His brother John paid him a farewell visit this morning, preparatory to leaving for Boston to attend to his business. Soon after his brother had left he sent for a tailor to come, and also ordered a new suit of clothes, and also a new hat, which was furnished him. He said for his order of the money derived from the sale of his autographs and, when asked what he wanted with new clothes, said he did not expect to remain long after the Court in Banc and wanted to make a good appearance when he went out. This was regarded as an attempt at bragging for the appearance of the rascal certainly belies his assertion.

The injustice of the pending apportionment bill and of the methods on which it is based has become so apparent that it is virtually dead already. The bill was debated to catch the votes of the large state delegations; but, to the credit of the members from the next populous states, it can be said that they refused to accept an increase of representation arbitrarily taken from the smaller and weaker states. It is evident that the House will condemn the "Session method" of apportionment and adopt the old plan of allowing the representation to increase only as possible in proportion to population.

Col. Selton, superintendent of the census thinks that it will be between eight and twelve months before the census work is completed. The printed reports will be very voluminous. There will be about 20,000 pages of them, divided of course into volumes. The proportion of discussion to tabulated forms will be very much larger than in any previous work of the character.

As the result of a rencontre last night between A. M. Sotelo, Jr., and Charles Sotelo, his brother, on the one hand, and Clarence M. Barton, managing editor of the "National Republican" on the other, the former has probably dying, while the latter is severely wounded in two places. The bitter feeling on the part of Mr. A. M. Sotelo toward Mr. Barton was the result of certain publications in the "Republican" which the

former believed ought not to have seen the light. After a careful review of all the incidents of the affair, and going over the testimony of Messrs. Barton, Cotger and others, it becomes evident that A. M. Sotelo was wounded by a bullet from the pistol of A. C. Sotelo intended for Mr. Barton. At a late hour last night Mr. Barton said that after the brief conversation which preceded the shooting, A. M. Sotelo struck him a violent blow on the head, when there was a flash from a pistol almost in contact with his face and he felt a stinging sensation on the side of his neck where the bullet struck him. Then the shots followed each other rapidly, and realizing that his life was at stake, he jerked open the drawer of his desk and seizing a revolver fired in the direction of his assailants. As A. M. Sotelo fell forward, stricken by the ball from his brother's weapon, he sprang over his body and grappled with the younger brother. From the instant the firing began up to the moment that his assailant was torn loose from him by the attacks of the office who came to his assistance, he was satisfied that the sole object of the two Sotelos was to take his life.

Congress has been in session two months. There has been an immense amount of talk and never in the history of the House has such a flood of bills been poured in. But talk is cheap and most of the bills are still cheaper. To a certain amount of work accomplished is very small. Both Houses are far behind-hand and are evidently preparing to extend the session far into the summer. There has been ample time to pass several appropriation bills, but the committees have not hurried themselves. The pension deficiency bill, appropriating \$540,000, is the only one that has been reported to the President. The fortification bill, calling for \$375,000 has got through the House, but not through the Senate. The Const. and Diplomatic bill has been reported and the appropriations for the Post Office Department are under discussion. The other appropriation bills are in process of preparation. The river and harbor bill, in which every member has an interest, is announced will not be ready before the 1st of April. The outlook for the speedy termination of the necessary work is anything but encouraging. The most important piece of legislation, next to the appropriations, is the Sherman funding bill, which has passed the Senate. The amount of time that the House will consume in its discussion can only be conjectured. Nothing else of importance has been done in either branch except the passage on Monday, in the House, of the bill disqualifying polygamists from membership.

in our politico-fashionable society. Since the first winter of the Hayes administration the Cabinet has not taken so prominent a place in official society as it had done for many years prior to that time, nor have the Cabinet families had so many calls to return. The number of callers each "Cabinet lady" receives on her day has fallen off from nine hundred to four or five hundred. No hostess can in and out on those days. One of the Cabinet ladies who has done her best to visit, as well as to attend to home and other duties, mentions that she now has over five hundred returned calls. Speaker Keifer's wife has, I think, had more calls on each reception day than any other lady now in official society here. As the Speaker lives at a hotel in the central part of the city it is always convenient, even in bad weather, for ladies to call on Wednesday to see his wife and she has taken pains to make her receptions very agreeable. She seems likely to retire to a small cottage at her home in the suburbs, and to devote her time to the duties of a private life. The popularity of her husband apparently imperiled by the arrangement of those of the House of Representatives.

CONGRESSIONAL SUMMARY.

In the Senate Thursday, 9th inst., Mr. Conger, from the Committee on Commerce, reported the bill to promote the efficiency of the life-saving service. Mr. Harris moved to lay aside the regular order and take up the bill to amend an act relating to the duties of the Chief Clerk of the Senate while the present Chief Clerk performs the duties of Secretary. The motion was lost by the vote, Mr. Brown, for Georgia, voting with the Republicans against it, and President pro tempore Davis with the Democrats in the affirmative. The Pension Arrears resolution was discussed. After eulogies upon the late Representative O'Connor, of South Carolina, the Senate adjourned.

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In the Senate Friday, Mr. Edmunds gave notice that the Judiciary Committee would ask on Tuesday to have the Utah Polygamist bill considered and disposed of on that or the day following. Mr. Morrill gave notice that after the Pension Arrears resolution was passed, he would introduce a bill to amend an act relating to the duties of the Chief Clerk of the Senate while the present Chief Clerk performs the duties of Secretary. The motion was lost by the vote, Mr. Brown, for Georgia, voting with the Republicans against it, and President pro tempore Davis with the Democrats in the affirmative. The Pension Arrears resolution was discussed. After eulogies upon the late Representative O'Connor, of South Carolina, the Senate adjourned.

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