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THE Maine statesman is going to Bar Harbor to escape the annual sun stroke.

CHAUNCEY BLACK seems to be ahead in the race for the democratic gubernatorial nomination.

JAEHNE the boodle alderman of New York is engaged in the laundry department of the State Penitentiary. Just think of New York's convicts wearing "biled shirts."

GEN. W. H. BLAIR has been appointed a member of the board of visitors to West Point. Look out boys, don't fool with the General, he's a double-back-action buzz saw, and cuts both ways.

THE Chicago Grand Jury has found true bills against Spies, Parsons and several other anarchists charged with murder, and inciting to riot, when the Courts are through with the gang the sheriff will likely suspend their operations.

CONGRESS has before it a bill prohibiting aliens or foreign corporations from acquiring lands in the United States. This is made necessary by the gradual absorption of the public lands in the west by foreign capitalists, and corporations to the exclusion of actual settlers. No person should be allowed to acquire an acre of the public land, unless he or she declared his or her intention of becoming an American citizen.

Gov. PATTISON has appointed W. B. Mingle of Centre Hall, Prothonotary to fill the vacancy caused by the death of R. G. Brett. Mr. Mingle is at present cashier of the Penns Valley bank. He will make a good officer, although he is inexperienced as to its duties. The death of Rob't Brett opens up a contest for the Prothonotaryship which will be very lively as there is a good opening for the boys.

OUT in one of the western counties of this state they mobbed some Mormon missionaries last week. If the mob had just considered how these poor missionaries are broom-sticked and caudle-lectured by their half dozen wives each day when at home, they would have bought each one a ticket to Utah as the worst punishment that could be inflicted on them, but mobs are never considerate.

THE order for the demobilization of the Greek armies has been countermanded owing to the conflict between the Turkish and Greek out-posts on the border. The great powers of Europe are simply manoeuvring for positions of vantage and when any of them are satisfied that the key to the position is in their hands the dogs of war will be "let slip." Nothing but the uncertainty of the final result has kept Greece in subjection by England or Austria, and Russia who hopes to administer on the estate of the sick man of Europe awaits but an opportune time to give the word "go" to the Greeks.

By the way, what is all this trouble in the Democratic ranks of this State about a suitable candidate for the nomination for Governor? Why don't they take up the great reformer, Pattison; the present incumbent? He stood the test four years ago, and why not try him again.—Gazette.

The above gem is the creation of the "trooly loil" and patriotic editor of Gen. Beaver's would-be organ. We might give our "loil" friend sixteen reasons why the Democratic party will not nominate Pattison for Governor, but one is enough. He is ineligible under the constitution; can you knock that little fact into your head? Oh! Feidler, Feidler, you just make us blush for the honor and dignity of our profession. The next time you open your mouth, Don't.

Congressional.

As the days roll by the interest in the coming congressional campaign assumes a more lively shape. It is now a matter of fact that Clearfield will present one or more candidates at our primary election in September. Whoever may be successful in receiving the instruction from the county should be given the same with a hearty good will and earnestness that will savor nothing of the usual complimentary nature indulged in the past toward our congressional aspirants. Our county polls more democratic votes than any other three counties in the district and that in itself should be a guarantee that the claims of our candidate, no matter who he is, should receive respectful notice and fair dealing from the other counties. The present occupant of the office, Mr. Curtin, has had three successive terms each of which he promised to be his last. Everybody knows that Mr. Curtin has made a good representative, but his democracy does not savor of that genuineness that should characterize the congressman from a large democratic district like the 20th. There are plenty of good, genuine democrats in this county and district who have stood up for our party from year to year and never received anything, whose claims should now be recognized. It is time to do away with the custom of honoring deserters with fat places while the truly loyal men stand back and do the hard work.

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That "Assassin Intellect"

If we wanted any further proof of the applicability of the expression "assinine intellect," used with reference to our neighbor the Gazette man, a perusal of the columns of that cloudy exponent of republicanism would be convincing. "Assinine intellect" he twists and contorts into "Assassin Intellect." Now anybody whose mental capacities are above those of the parent of a mule would see the utter ridiculousness of the expression "assassin intellect," but brother Feidler has made himself supremely ridiculous and we cannot help him out of his awkward position. We don't know of anything more stupid than an ass, unless it is our neighbor across the street. Say nothing more about the "assassin intellect," but devote your time to the extinction of Jeff Davis.

As the professional labor agitator is sent to the rear end by intelligent and patriotic laboring men the difficulties between employer and employee are satisfactorily adjusted. Martin Irons is charged with appropriating the funds which came into his hands for the purpose of keeping up the strike and Herr Most is captured under the bed of a courtesan, foreign anarchists massacre the police of Chicago, and loud mouthed loafers try to organize strikes in every little manufacturing town, but these characters have no more connection with honest labor or its cause than they have with the preservation of order in their communities. These fellows are as light as the froth on the beer they drink and are certain to come to the top in times of agitation. The least insight into their connection with a strike deprives them of their power for evil.

As the strike in the Clearfield region is about over, chairman Rinder of the Greenback party will be left without an issue for the next campaign, and his congressional aspirations will "wither in the bud," how sad. "Alas poor Rynder! I knew him well Horatio. A fellow of infinite jest" etc.

THE Yankee fishermen have retaliated on the Canadians by capturing a fishing vessel which had failed to comply with the marine law of the United States. The Canadians will find that two can play at the game of seizing vessels.

WHEN Miss Folsom marries Cleveland, there'll be an old boy-cott.

One Million Strong.

CLEVELAND, May 22.—Upon the Register of the Forest City house was written this evening in bold, well formed letters the name of T. V. Powderly, of Scranton, Pa., general master workman of the Knights of Labor, who is early upon the scene of next week's activity. Frederick Turner, of Philadelphia, the general secretary of the organization, accompanied him. After dinner they met Mr. John W. Hayes, of New Brunswick, N. J., a member of the executive board of the order, and Mr. Killgallon, of Butte City, M. T. representing Montana district 98, and also several prominent local members of the order.

The order now numbers 127 district assemblies, with a total membership of about 1,000,000. Last July, when the delegates were elected, there were only 94 district assemblies, and at the meeting next week the assemblies once organized will not be entitled to representation. Ex-delegates may attend the meeting but will be allowed no voice in the deliberations.

The number of delegates who attend the general assembly in August last was 160, and no more than that number are entitled to participation in the convention which begins at 2 o'clock Tuesday.

"I can't tell, of course," said Mr. Powderly, what will be done at the session. The object is no secret, and more than that I am unable to say, because I don't know."

Mr. Powderly was referred to an Associated Press dispatch from Buffalo, where, in passing through the city on his way to Cleveland, he is reported to have stated that one of the chief objects to be discussed at the meeting will be the extension of the executive board. On the subject of strikes and boycotts he expressed himself, according to the dispatch, as strongly opposed to conflicts of any kind between capital and labor, and hoped that measures would be taken to regulate such matters.

THE Philadelphia Times is in favor of a readjustment or revision of the tariff, and says that while both parties are squarely pledged to revision that the Republican party resolutely refuses to allow anything of the kind. Mr. Morrison has offered a bill in full accord with the tariff plank at the Democratic platform, yet Mr. Randall bitterly antagonizes it. Just what the Times and Mr. Randall want is not known, as Col. McClure offers a banquet of "glittering generalities" and Mr. Randall offers "a protest."

WHERE in the world is that fossiliferous compound and animated skeleton, the Hon. John Ohio, from the state of Sherman? Great shadows of the past, to think that the Jeff Davis speech has not caused the old fellow to display his bloody shirt. What is the matter with "honest John?" and has Jeff Davis too lost his grip? Well there was a time when old Jeff could cause northern blood to boil, but now he may only stir up an occasional fool.

HON. S. R. PEALE of Clinton county, solicitor for the Beech Creek Railroad Company was in town on Monday. He has full faith in the reorganization of his road and that it will always be a competing line into the Clearfield region. The sale of the road is a legal necessity in order to preserve it as a competing line. The sale takes place at Clearfield on the fourth of next month.

FAIR wages to miners. Fair weight to miners. Fair rates of freight to operators. No discrimination in the matter of cars. And no store orders, will help to solve the troubles in our mining regions. Try it.

JOHN A. LOGAN's great conspiracy is to get into the presidential chair and the grammatical John is not going to play bob to the Blaine kite. He 'cawn't do it you know."

Durbin Ward Dead.

THE OLD DEMOCRATIC WAR HORSE PASSES AWAY AT LEBANON, OHIO.

LEBANON, O., May 23.—General Durbin Ward died at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon. He was born in Bracken county Va., in 1819. Entering the war as a common soldier he came out a Brigadier General by brevet. He began his services with General McClellan and later served with Thomas in Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi Alabama and Georgia. He was one of the heroes of Chancellorsville, and he fought in the battles of Mill Springs, Pittsburg Landing, Perryville, Stone River and the campaigns of Atlanta and Nashville. As an orator General Ward has been most effective and popular, working always in Democratic cause. In two conventions he fell only a few votes short of being nominated for Governor. Three times he was a candidate for United States Senator, first against Pendleton in 1878 and in 1884 against Payne.

He has been a State Senator, a member of the Legislature, Prosecuting Attorney and District Attorney, being removed from the latter place by President Grant. He was a delegate to the Charleston and Baltimore Conventions and Supported Stephen A. Douglas for President. At one time he was the law partner of Tom Corwin. Ward was only defeated by Hoody for Governor in the State Convention of 1883 by the enforcement of the unit rule. The struggle was a bitter one, and at its close he made a pathetic speech, in which he said: "Not one man in this State has done the work in thirty years that I have done who has not been recognized by a nomination for Governor or a nomination for Senator. The first you have not given me, and now in my old age I will keep on and die in my tracks. Had I been allowed to have some reward for the work I have done I would not complain that those of greater talent and of perhaps greater service should take the rewards but when I have received nothing thus far I come boldly forward in my old age and ask for the last honor I shall ever ask from the American people."

Cleveland's Bride Elect.

FOLSOMDALE, June 24.—The will of Col. Folsom, grandfather of Miss Frankie Folsom, the President's bride elect, has not yet been found, although a casual search was made for it. The will made five years ago was seen by Banker Benedict, of Attica, with whom the Colonel had \$10,000 and a large amount of securities on deposit. Mr. Benedict estimates the value of the estate at over \$400,000. This would make Miss Folsom's share about \$50,000; and although none of the Colonel's friends who could be seen to-day were willing to admit that he made a new will, it is thought from the many exhibitions of affection lately shown by him that she has been better cared for. A member of the family says she thinks Frankie will get at least \$100,000.

The Colonel's pride in his granddaughter was enhanced by the fact that she was going to marry his old friend and the chum of his son Oscar. When she was at Folsomdale last summer, after the engagement occurred, Frankie was petted until she was tired. The engagement was known before July 1 of last year to Miss Emma Folsom, the probable bridesmaid. The date for the wedding was fixed for June 9. If the wedding had been postponed on account of the Colonel's death it is believed it will not occur before July or August.

The Folsom family here say they believe that after Miss Folsom's return from Europe some entirely new plans will be made. They deny a report that she is in Brussels, and Dr. Martin, son-in-law of the Colonel, confirms the report that Miss Folsom is now on the ocean on the steamer City of Chicago, and that she will not know of her grandfather's death until she arrives in New York, where the particulars will be awaiting her. Nothing further will be done at the homestead until Mr. Benjamin Eolsom's arrival.

She Eloped With an Anarchist.

ST. LOUIS, May 23.—Last Thursday night Mrs. Carl Klemm eloped from her home, 218 Fremont street, Chicago with an anarchist named Otto Brehm, and they arrived in St. Louis the following morning. At 5 o'clock this evening a pistol shot was heard in a room at 633 South Broadway and when the frightened inmates entered the apartment they found Mrs. Klemm lying on the floor dead, shot through the breast, and Brehm kneeling by her side holding her pulseless hand.

The man was arrested and is yet in confinement, though the case proved a remarkable suicide. The husband of the woman is an employe of the Brunswick balke company, and Brehm was boarding with them. He is a cigarmaker, and was present in the Haymarket square when the police men were massacred.

Alarmed at the action of the Grand Jury, he determined to leave the city, and induced the wife, who had fallen in love with him to leave her home. In a fit of remorse she killed herself in his presence, leaving letters charging him with responsibility for her act.

Dropped Dead When Found Out.

DETROIT, Mich., May 23.—A singular affair is reported from Greenville, Mich. James Martin yesterday morning served notice of ejectment upon Abram Van Horn, a Crystal township farmer, claiming the title to Van Horn's farm. A few years ago the farm was sold to Van Horn by Mrs. Lydia Lyons, who said when Van Horn expressed doubt about the clearness of the title, that she "hoped God would strike her dead if the title was not all right." When Van Horn was served with notice of ejectment yesterday morning he went to Greenville and consulted a lawyer. The latter advised him to call on Mrs. Lyons about the matter, and towards noon Van Horn visited the woman at her home. She heard him through, and then dropped to the floor dead. Superstitious people think that Mrs. Lyons knew the title she sold was imperfect, and that God struck her dead in response to the prayer she uttered years ago, on the day the sale was effected. Medical science, however, avers that she died of shock when brought face to face with her crime.

Roasted to Death.

READING, Pa., May 23.—John A. Tobias, senior member of the brick Manufacturing firm of Tobias & Co., of Hamburg, this county, was missed from his office yesterday morning. Suddenly his little son came rushing into the door crying out that his papa was burning to death. Several clerks and employes hurried to one of the kilns there saw a cloud of steam and smoke arising. Upon closer examination they learned that Mr. Tobias' body was lying in the kiln on a pile of red hot brick. His clothing was ablaze and his body roasting. The men heroically ran the risk of their lives, jumped in and dragged the unconscious man out. He was terribly burned, his back and lower limbs being one crisp. It appears that he had been overcome suddenly with sulphur and he fell headlong into the kiln where he was cremated. He lingered in great agony until afternoon, when he died, aged thirty-five. He leaves a family.

Gladstone thanks Randall.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Representative Samuel J. Randall yesterday received the following in reply to the cable message sent Mr. Gladstone by the public meeting held in this city recently of which Mr. Randall was chairman, and which expressed full sympathy with Mr. Gladstone in his work for Home Rule for Ireland:

DEAR SIR—I am desired by Mr. Gladstone to thank you for the telegram you have been good enough to send him, conveying to him the congratulations of approval of the meeting held at Washington the 29th ultimo, and I am to assure you that the many evidences Mr. Gladstone has received from America of sympathy and approbation in connection with the proposals for the future government of Ireland are a great source of encouragement and support to her Majesty's Government. I remain, dear sir, yours faithfully,
J. M. CARMICHAEL.

Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24, 1886. The week has been a busy one in Congress. The House, by strict attention to the work before it, has disposed of many of the bills which have been awaiting action. The appropriation bills have been so far advanced as to warrant the prediction that their passage will be secured at a much earlier day than had been expected, and it is possible that unless delay is occasioned by some unforeseen contingency, an adjournment will be reached early in July.

There has been a perceptible diminution in the number of "camp-followers" who have hung about the hotels and Capitol during the winter, each hoping to secure the passage of some bill in which he has a personal interest. A few of them having secured the object sought have departed for their homes, amply repaid for their winter's work, while others, and by far the greater number, have seen the projects in which they were so deeply interested, either fail, or become so irreparably buried beneath the mass of "unfinished business," as to render the chance of their receiving attention during the rush attending the closing days of the session, at the best but a vague and dim uncertainty, and thus, "having seen their fondest hopes take flight," they too have left, some discouraged but others still confident of their ultimate success will continue to re-appear with the commencement of each succeeding session of Congress, as they have done for years.

The President's veto messages are beginning to cause much apprehension in the House. The close attention which he is giving to private pension bills, and to increased and unnecessary expenditures, is causing a fear that some of the appropriation bills may be returned by him.

It is reported upon very good authority, that President Cleveland has recently purchased a residence in the country a short drive from the city limits. The property purchased is known as the Green estate upon the Tennyalltown road, near the summer residence purchased last summer by Secretary Whitney. The estate contains about thirty acres. The house is an old fashioned gray stone structure, with the broad porch and pleasant surroundings which are so common in the South, and is approached by a driveway, winding gracefully among the trees, and commands a fine view of the surrounding country. The halls are wide, the ceilings high and rooms large and comfortable. It is said that the President has made the purchase merely as an investment, and with a view to the enhancement of the property.

The Canadian fisheries troubles, which have recently culminated in the seizure of two American fishing vessels by the Canadian Government, has attracted a great deal of interest here, and was the only question discussed at the last Cabinet meeting. Strenuous efforts are being made to procure the appointment of a commission to investigate the question. The British Minister has had several interviews with the Secretary of State upon the subject, and an effort will be made to induce Congress to reconsider the vote by which it refused to consent to a commission.

The Legislative, Executive and Judicial appropriation bill, which was reported to the House on Thursday, contemplates a number of changes in the various Departments, and the clerks are again upon the "anxious seat." Most of the reductions recommended are in the Treasury, War and Interior Departments. It is proposed to reduce the force in the Interior Department by the dismissal of 150 clerks.

The social event of the week was the garden and dancing party in aid of the Garfield Memorial Hospital, at Senator Logan's new residence, on Tuesday evening. The entertainment was attended by more than 2,000 persons, and notwithstanding the rain which to some extent interfered with the previously arranged plans, it was a grand success, and more than \$1,500 was added to the treasury account of the hospital.

CHATTANOOGA, May 24.—While transporting two car loads of powder from the river at Soddy, near this city, to-day to the mines of the Soddy coal company a spark from an engine ignited the powder and it exploded with terrific effect. The cars were demolished and the engine was badly damaged. The engineer and firemen were frightfully burned as was another man who was standing alongside the track. It is thought the three men are fatally hurt.