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Gov. BEAVER'S Administration is on the broad road to success, it now has the active opposition of the Philadelphia *Times*, which insures the honest support of the great body of the people of this Commonwealth. Alec wants to run the state and when he can't do it he tries to "bust the administration." Give Philadelphia all the legislation her roosters ask and her people will soon send honest men to represent her and take care of her interests.

The Republican Senate has rejected Matthews the colored man nominated by President Cleveland for Recorder of Deeds for Washington, the grounds for his rejection being that the people of that city were opposed to his confirmation. The real truth of the matter is that Matthews politics is more objectionable than his color to these Republican patriots. Matthews ability for the position is conceded. The vote of the colored man has made every Republican President since the time of Lincoln, but when one of the race who votes the Democratic ticket is appointed to a position the G. O. P. kicks him out.

THE United States money bags, otherwise the American Senate is getting ready to wage war in defence of the New England cod fish. Brigadier General Ingalls Major General Frye and Lieutenant General Hale have each fired a broad-side of mouth into the English government. Cod fish balls are being cast at all the New England seaports and there will be such a rain of stale cod fish on poor Canada as will bring her to terms. Bring on your cod fish balls.

THE best managed railroad in the United States if not in the world is our own great corporation, the Pennsylvania. An accident, such as that of the White River disaster, seldom if ever occurs. Accidents are very rare, and those which have occurred are trivial when compared with those on other roads. One feels perfectly safe when travelling on that road or any of its branches. This immunity from accident is due to the thoroughness of its inspections the constant supervision of a trained experienced and intelligent set of division bosses, and to the block signal system. Every new device which contributes to the safety of passengers and to the efficiency of its service is adopted by the company. We are prone to find fault with corporations which we imagine are constantly seeking pretexts for plundering the people. But a comparison of the Pennsylvania system with that of any other shows a wonderful freedom from accidents, and a regard for the convenience of its patrons.

Boss Magee.

It is said that Senators Cameron and Quay will urge the appointment of Criss Magee the Pittsburg boss as one of the Republican Commissioners under the new inter-state commerce act which has become a law. This would certainly be a grave mistake and it is to be hoped that the President will consider well Mr. Magee's political and coporation antecedents before elevating him to so responsible a position. The whole business training of Mr. Magee has been in the interests of corporations and against the people and it would be very bad policy to put a man whose sympathies and interests are entirely with the railroads and monopolists into a position where he would be a power in their hands. A fair, honest and able man not identified with railroads nor antagonistic to their just claims and business success should be selected. The railroads must be protected as well as anyother interests, but no corporation tool should be appointed. There are other and better men in the Republican party of Pennsylvania in whom the people would have entire confidence and who would perform their whole duty and whose mental caliber sizes up above a political bossship. Democrats and Republican's alike would endorse the appointment of a man like Ex Gov. Hoyt, but Christy Magee don't fill the bill.

THE "surplus" in the Treasury which has been bothering statesmen for sometime promises to vanish into their air under the magic wand of the pension jobbers in Congress. Under the latest pension bill there will be no surplus. It will cost more to pay the pensioners than it costs to keep up the largest standing army in the world. Every man who served three months in the United states army as a soldier, sailor, marine or chicken raider, and who contracted any disease is to be pensioned. We are in favor of pensioning every congressman who voted for this gigantic swindle.

A Dark Deadly Duel.

ALBANY, Ga., Feb, 7.—Messengers arrived here last night for Dr. Alfriend and Dr. Davin to proceed to Hoboken where a singular case awaited their attention. It seemed that in that village live two colored men, Merric Heppart and Stephen Rucker, They have some education and have longe prided themselves upon their sense of honor. They were strong advocates of the code, and sought to impress upon their follows the idea of calling out people who cross their paths. Recetly these men became entangled in an business matter. Each claimed that money was due to the other. Hepperd decided that the matter should be decided on the field of honor. He called to his aid a friend and a note in the most approved style was sent to Rucker, who in return referred it to his friend.

The preliminaries were quickly arranged. Heppard was to use a revolver and Rucker decided to use his shot gun. At the break of day the men were on the ground. Fifteen paces were stepped off and at the drop of a handkerchief the firing began. Heppard fired quickly, emptying five chambers of his revolver before Rucker could get his shot gun to work. Two pistol shots entered Rucker, one piercing him just under the heart and and the other went through his bladder. As Rucker was falling mortally wounded, he discharged both barrels at Heppard, perforating him with buckshot. It was to relieve the latter that the doctors were so hastily sent for.

Prof. John De Leon, the "Astrologer," convicted of inducing young girls to go to Panama for immoral purposes under the pretext of finding employment for them, was yesterday at New York sentenced to fifteen years imprisonment at hard labor in Sing Sing.

Inter-State Commerce.

WASHINGTON, February 4.—The President at 5 o'clock this afternoon affixed his signature to the inter-state commerce bill, thus by his approval making it a law. His approval was in full accord with the opinion of Attorney General Garland, rendered to him on last Monday, and it is very well understood to be in accord with the views of the Cabinet.

The Attorney General was asked to-night to give his views in regard to the bill and explain wherein it differed from the Senate bill of two years ago, which he opposed on the ground that it was unconstitutional. He declined to do so, saying that he regarded the opinion he had given to the President on the subject as strictly confidential. It is learned, however, from trustworthy sources, that the Attorney Ganeral as well as the President, considers the bill which has just become a law free from all the material features which were objectionable in the Senate bill of two years ago. According to this information, the Attorney General's objection to the old bill was to the vast powers of a legislative and judicial character that were given to the commission. The Attorney General is said to hold that the present bill does not confer judicial powers on the commission, but puts them in the courts on report from the commission, and that it does not confer legislative power except in the fourth section (the long and short haul clause), and that this is warranted by numberless precedents in the legislative history of the government.

The bill will go into effect in sixty days. In making up the personnel of the commission it is understood to be the purpose of the President to move cautiously, and to select only men whose antecedents are calculated to give it a fair test. The President regards the measure in a large degree experimental, and therefore wishes to have the benefit of the best ability the country affords to carry its provisions into operation. In a general way it is intimated that New York and Pennsylvania, on account of their extensive railroad interests, may have two of the commissionerships, two others going West and one South. Of all the persons mentioned from Pennsylvania Chris. Magee has the most potential backing in the Republican ranks, a letter from Senator-elect Quay earnestly urging him and strongly indorsed by Senator Cameron, having been filed in his behalf. In a recent letter from Mr. Quay he mentioned his intention to be in Washington very soon. It is intimated that Senator Cameron and himself may present his claims in person to the President next week. A movement has been quietly inaugurated looking to the appointment of Ex-Governor Pattison. It is stated that the appointment will not be made for several weeks and possibly not until after the adjournment of Congress. Almost every State has its candidates.

Senator Wilson of Iowa, who has had large experience in railroad legislation and litigation in the West, said to-night: "There is no reason in my mind why the law should not be made satisfactory to the railroads and the people. In our own State ninety per cent of our products have been scheduled at short haul rates, and we have not been retarded in material development. I believe it will be a good thing to distribute the rates rather than have long hauls high and short low. There are many in Congress who voted for the bill who have grave doubts as to its success, but acted in what appeared to be a popular demand for some legislation of the sort. They admit that the people will determine the future of the law after they have had some experience in the effect of the regulation of rates by legislation on their own interests.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 3.—Jos. K. Bogert, editor of the Evening Leader, the Democratic organ of Luzerne county, and Postmaster of this city died to-night.

A Bold Rescue.

PITTSBURGH, February 4.—The most successful attempt that was ever made in this vicinity to rescue a prisoner occurred early this morning on the Cleveland and Pittsburgh express, which left this city at 11:25 o'clock last night for Cleveland. So desperate were the confederates that two of Clevelands detectives were fatally wounded. Captain Hoehen and Detective Hulligan, of Cleveland, having secured a requisition, determined to run to Cleveland last night with their prisoner, Harry McMunn, who was accused of having been concerned in the recent extensive fur robbery in that city. They took every precaution to prevent any attempt that might be made by the "pals" of McMunn to rescue. Securely handcuffed, the prisoner was placed on board the trais at the outer depot in Allegheny. He took his arrest very coolly and seemed anxious to cause the detective as little trouble as possible.

The express sped on, and at 2 o'clock this morning Alliance, Ohio, was reached. At that point five men boarded the train and passed through several of the cars. Finally they saw the officers and their prisoner sitting in the smoking car. No sign of recognition passed between McMunn and the men. They sat down a few seats from the prisoner and in a few minutes the express continued on its course. When Ravenna was reached the five men arose suddenly from their seats, and without warning drew their revolvers on the officers. There were but a couple of other passengers in the car and the confederates of McMunn were complete masters of the situation. Their quick action gave them the drop on the officers. One of the men demanded their prisoner, but instead of complying with their request the officers jumped to their feet and tried to draw their revolvers.

They were too late. The five men opened fire on them. Captain Hoehne reeled and tottered over into the aisle with bullets in his shoulder and thigh. As he fell one of the gang jumped on him and kicked him until he lay still as death. When the firing first commenced Detective Hulligan received several bullets in his body. He still attempted to defend himself, and another volley was fired at him, until seven bullets had pierced his body. He tottered and fell insensible in the seat. He was then kicked until his head was split open. The few passengers that were in the smoking car became terrorized and hid under the seats. The alarm spread to the other cars, and the train men and other passengers hurried forward.

A frightful scene met their gaze. Stretched out but a few feet apart were the bodies of Detective Hulligan and Captain Hoehne. The floor was covered with blood, and the seats in car near where the shooting had occurred were pierced and shattered by the bullets that had sped from five revolvers. The prisoner and his rescuers had disappeared in the excitement, having jumped from the train. All trace of them was lost in the darkness. The Ravenna police were notified and a posse started out at once to scour the country. The injured men were made as comfortable as possible and then taken on to Cleveland, arriving there about 6 o'clock this morning. A large reward has been offered for the apprehension of their assailants, but the latest dispatches from Ravenna state that they have not yet been captured. It is believed that they escaped without injury.

WASHINGTON, February 8.—A quiet wedding was solemnized at the residence of Hon. Samuel J. Randall, of Pennsylvania, this afternoon, the contracting parties being his daughter, Miss Anna Randall, and Mr. Charles Calvert Lancaster, formerly of Maryland, but now engaged in the legal practice in Washington.

Rev. Dr. McGlynn.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Henry George's paper, the Standard, for Saturday contains the long-looked-for statement of Dr. McGlynn. The article makes six columns, and to all intents and purposes seems to agree with the statement recently published by Arch bishop Corrigan. Regarding, however, the letter from Cardinal Simeoni of four years ago Dr. McGlynn says:

It is absolutely false, although stated by Archbishop Corrigan, on the authority of Cardinal McCloskey, that I "recognized my errors and professed to be sorry for them." On the contrary, in my interview with Cardinal McCloskey I reaffirmed the doctrine and explained it, and defended it from his misunderstandings and misaprehensions. I voluntarily promised to abstain from making Land League speeches—not because I acknowledged the right of any one to forbid me, but because I knew too well the power of my ecclesiastical superiors to impair and almost destroy my usefulness in the ministry of Christ,s Church, to which I had consecrated my life.

The doctor concludes with these words:

One sufficient answer to all this strange urgency has already been given but I now have further to say: Reaffirming what I said in my letter to the Archbishop, sent by the hand of Mr. Henry George, that in becoming a priest I did not evade the duties nor surrender the rights of a man and a citizen, I deny the right of Bishop, Propaganda or Pope to punish me for my actions as a man and a citizen in the late municipal canvas, or in other political movements. I deny their right to censure me or to punish me for my political economy, unless they can show that these opinions are clearly contrary to the teaching of the Christian religion. This they have not shown, and I know that they can not show it. I have not appealed to Rome from the judgments of the Archbishop, and I have no desire to do so. I deny the right of Bishop, Propaganda or Pope to order me to Rome. The "vow of obedience" of the priest, of which so many absurd things have been said within the last few weeks is simply a promise to the church authorites in matters concerning the priest's duties of religion.

The Proxy Arrested For Bigamy.

CHICAGO, February, 3—Henry W. Spies, who married Miss Van Zandt as proxy for his brother August, the condemned anarchist, was arrested last night on the charge of bigamy. Counsel for the anarchists have interested themselves in the matter, and they claim the proxy marriage is perfectly legal; that it binds August only and in no way affects the groom by proxy. Interviews with prominent lawyers, however, have elicited the almost unanimous opinion that the proxy ceremony was a farce and with out any legal effect.

Miss Flora Lee, of Boston, who entered a Montreal convent last September, kept up a secret correspondence with Frank Howard, a young Boston man. He went to Montreal and met her, she having been allowed to pay occasional visits to her friends. On one of these visits they were married and she returned to the convent. The Lady Superior suspected something, and after learning the circumstances, telegraphed to the girl's parents. They wished her to go back to Boston with them, but she refused. The couple are now living in Montreal, and the young man has secured a position in a bank.

CLEVELAND, February 8.—Detective Hulligan, one of the officers assaulted by the rescuers of the fur robber last Friday morning, died at 9:30 o'clock this morning from the effect of his injuries. Captain Hoehn, the other officer assaulted, is steadily improving and his recovery is now considered probable. Nothing new has been learned with regard to the whereabouts of the robber and his pals. The officers who have been searching for them in the vicinity of Ravenna last night returned to Cleveland. It is not known what the next move will be.

WASHINGTON, February 8.—The President to-day signed the Indian land severalty bill and "Backbone" land grant forfeiture bill.

Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7, 1887.

Some very important changes are about to be made in the Treasury Department. Secretary Manning, it will be remembered, tendered his resignation at the time of his illness, and although the resignation is still in the hands of the President and has not been acted upon, Mr. Manning has announced his attention of withdrawing from the Cabinet. Treasurer Jordan has also tendered his resignation and asked that it receive immediate action, though he may possibly continue in office until the adjournment of Congress. Mr. Manning will fill the position of president, and Mr. Jordan that of vice-president of the "New Western National Bank of New York City," which will begin business on the first of May. Applications for more than $4,000 000 of stock in the bank have been received, but only $3,000,000 will be accepted.

The second State dinner of the season was given by the President and Mrs. Cleveland, in honor of the Diplomatic Corps, on Thursday evening last. The representatives of twenty-three of the thirty friendly nations usually represented attended in full court costume. Mrs. Cleveland had been especially interested in both the arrangements and in the personnel of the party invited to meet them, and the State apartment were richly decorated with flowers. The East Room where the guests met Mrs. Cleveland, was transformed into a bower.

The recent passage of the Mexican pension bill will necessitate the employment of two hundred and fifty additional clerks in the Pension Office. Commissioner Black is preparing for the trying ordeal, and says that he will endeavor to complete the examination of the 50,000 applications from this source before the expiration of the present fiscal year. Although the additional clerical force, which is to be appointed, will be be required but a few months, applications for appointment are being received daily, and the Commissioner thinks that there will be no fewer than five thousand applications upon file by the time of making appointment arrives,

The War Department has of late been engaged in collecting information concerning the strength of the militia force of the United States, and the reports which have been received from the adjutant-generals of the various States are very encouraging. The reports for the past year show an increase of 10,000 in the organized branch of the mititia force. There are at the present time over 94,000 militiamen in a state of thorough organization, and over 7,000,000 men available for military service.

One of the most distinguished gatherings that have assembled about a banquet table in Washington in many years was the party that gathered at Chamberlain's, on Wednesday evening last, as guests of Mr. William Walter Phelps, in honor of Mr. Hiscock's election to the United States Senate. Among those present were Mr. West, the British Minister; Speaker Carlisle, Senator Sherman, Secretary Lamar, Murat Halstead, of the Cincinnati *Commercial Gazette*; Senator Evarts, ex-Senator Platt, Representative Morrison, Senator Sewell, Hon. Levi P. Morton, Henry Watterson, of the Louisville *Courier Journal*; Chauncey M. Depue, Secretary Whitney, Gen. Sheridan, Justice Blatchford, Representatives Reid, Randall, Astor, and McKinley, and Whitelaw Reid, of the New York *Tribune*. The table decorations were elegant. A hugh boquet of Jacquinot roses rested in the centre of the table. Four candlesticks, each bearing five wax candles, served to light the festive board. No speeches were made, and the affair was almost informal in its nature.

The Senate devoted much of its time during the past week to the discussion of Senator Beck's bill prohibiting Senators and Members of Congress from receiving fees from railroad companies during their terms of office. During the discussion, which was participated in by nearly all of the Senators, some of the ablest speeches of the session were made, and the bill was passed on Friday evening by a vote of 39 to 14.

An excursion party from Northern and Central New York, numbering upwards of one thousand persons, arrived in the city on Thursday, and spent the two or three days of their stay in visiting the various points of interest.

H.