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ONE POINT SETTLED.

It is rather surprising after all the intimations and covert threats that the House leaders would nullify the victory of Mr. Blaine by cutting out in conference committee the reciprocity amendment inserted by the Senate to learn that the first day's conference resulted in the adoption of that amendment by a party vote.

This prompt agreement to the most important change made by the Senate indicates either that the House leaders have gained a clearer appreciation of the value of reciprocity than some of their utterances indicated, or that Speaker Reed has been credited with more than his just share of backbone and stomach for a fair, stand-up fight. As between himself and Mr. Blaine shows that while the Speaker can get himself re-elected by a big majority, when the Secretary of State develops a policy of foreign trade, even the imperious House leaders have to accept his modification of their tariff scheme.

As between the House and Senate this agreement to one of the especial features grafted on the measure by the Senate, is a favorable indication that the House conferees will obtain the abandonment of some of the less worthy amendments. Next to the reciprocity amendment, the most important Senate changes were the raising of the sugar duty and the cut in the metal schedule. If the House accepts the reciprocity amendment it will have the right to expect a concession to it on one or both of these points, and will probably obtain them.

With that leading point of dispute settled and the inference that it carries with it of the settlement of other points of difference, the Conference Committee ought to be able to make an early report. It would not be remarkable if next week should see the tariff wrestle ended and the session wound up.

A CONSUMMATION TO BE HOPED FOR.

It is satisfactory to learn from inquiry about Municipal Hall, the results of which appear in our local columns, that the project of getting the electric wires underground is not dead, but has been undergoing only a rather long period of slumber. The present proposition to get an appropriation to put the city wires underground and then to require the various electric companies to bury their wires, will, if carried out, relieve the city of a long-standing nuisance which has of late years risen to the rank of an actual peril. The only criticism to the programme outlined is that it postpones until next year what ought to have been done long ago, and the preliminary steps to which might be taken sooner. Why not pass an ordinance now fixing next spring as the time for putting all wires underground, and pledging the city to the burial of its own wires at the same time.

FORCE AND FAMINE.

The arrest of Dillon and O'Brien yesterday shows that the impending famine in Ireland has no effect on Balfour's determination to rule Ireland by the iron hand. The offense of the Irish members was in making speeches advising the Irish tenants not to pay rent; and Mr. Balfour thus serves notice upon Ireland and the civilized world that any interference with the prescriptive right of extracting rent from the famine-stricken population of that island, will be crushed if it is in the power of the English Government to crush it.

Determination is a good quality in its place and at proper times; but it would be supposed that even Mr. Balfour would be able to perceive the bad politics, if not the inhumanity, of reviving the policy of dragooning the people of a country threatened by famine. Even that stanch enemy of the Home Rulers, *Punch*, has evinced a comprehension of the fact that a civilized government should contemplate measures of relief rather than of repression when the subject population is under the shadow of famine. That the Tory government is unable to see any reason why it should relax its determination to keep the outspoken Irish leaders in prison and to hold Ireland by the power of brute strength rather than by that of generosity and charity, argues a determination in the direction of wilful blindness, commensurate with that to rule by main force.

If the policy of repression is to be added to the disaster of famine among Ireland's woes, it will drive away all but the most bigoted from the support of the Tory government. But there is a sad possibility that before the Tory overthrow can bring relief to Ireland, a great share of the Irish will be beyond relief.

THE RIGHT SOLUTION.

Mr. Montgomery, the sole colored delegate to the Mississippi Constitutional Convention, spoke recently in support of an impartial educational qualification for voters. He did so with the knowledge that it would disfranchise a large share of the colored population; but his support of the proposition was based upon its public benefits. Beyond that he stated that he had before his election avowed to his constituents his fealty to that principle. His election therefore expressed the willingness of the colored people that its ignorant members shall lose their votes for the sake of elevating the standard of suffrage.

This corroborates and strengthens what THE DISPATCH has frequently said, that an impartial educational qualification is the solution for Mississippi's difficulty. With such a frank and disinterested indorsement from the colored representative in that body, the pretense that there is an insoluble race conflict there, is shallow and unfounded. If the white race in Mississippi cannot perceive the liberality and wisdom of the position assumed by the colored people it will be the strongest proof that the trouble in Mississippi is not so much the ignorance of its colored voters as the stupid determination of the whites that race prejudice shall dominate its politics.

We do not think the Mississippians can stultify and condemn themselves in the eyes of civilization by rejecting that offer. An impartial educational qualification will establish a new era in that State, and set an example which other States will do well to follow.

THEIR WORK COMMENDS THEM.

The streets of our city continue to be thronged daily with visitors to Pittsburg's Exposition. Our merchants testify to largely increased sales. We know that this is in many instances but the beginning of long and profitable dealings with our country cousins.

So much for the proof of Exposition benefits. THE DISPATCH tenders to the merchants of Pittsburg its congratulations upon a display which not only far surpasses expectations, but which leaves in the shade that of many more pretentious occasions in other cities. There is really a splendid exhibit of the attractions of Pittsburg as a mart for fine wares.

As a whole the Exposition of 1890 has gone far enough to be set down as a brilliant and stirring success. But we are only at the threshold. What has been done is as nothing to the possibilities which are looming up right promisingly in the near future. All praise to the active and able men who organized success for the Exposition at the start!

THE CLIMAX OF KICKING.

There has been a great deal of kicking of one sort and another in the Fifty-first Congress. Speaker Reed and his rules seem to have fostered kicking as a Congressional accomplishment. The climax in kicking came yesterday. The Speaker had ordered the doors of the House to be closed with a view to preventing the Democrats from breaking the quorum every ten minutes or so. A desire to breathe the free air of the lobby immediately possessed Representative Kilgore's soul. It took the sturdy Texan but a second or two to kick open one of the doors which the Doorkeeper had locked. Several other statesmen used their feet in like manner to effect an exit. The quorum evaporated, and the House adjourned.

Of course Speaker Reed will provide a remedy. Doors of wrought steel will doubtless take the place of the flimsy affairs of wood and green baize. Gatling guns placed at suitable intervals commanding the approaches to the House, and connected electrically with the Speaker's chair, would have a tendency to discourage errant Congressmen.

If the conduct of Congress continues to improve it is clear that the general idea of a Congressman's qualifications must be revised. Brains, honesty, knowledge of public affairs, patriotism may be very desirable things in private life, but it is evident that big feet, the art of boxing, a full vocabulary of foul language, a loud voice and a general disregard for all decency and honor will carry a man to the front in Congress.

A FALSE RECORD.

The New York *Sun* turns its rays upon the latest political sensation for the illumination of an old and familiar humbug, by using the Kennedy speech as an illustration of the fact that the *Congressional Record*, if it is to be a record, ought to be a truthful one. Yet it is the fact that what purports to be a full and exact account of the proceedings of Congress is forbidden from being so by the joint and several action of the members and their parties.

The Kennedy speech affords a remarkable illustration of the way in which the *Congressional Record* is not allowed to record. Mr. Kennedy made a speech savagely and unwarrantably, according to the rules, attacking Senator Quay. If the *Record* of one day were a full and true account of the proceedings of the previous day, it would have contained this speech; but it did not. The only reference to that remarkable outburst which has kept the House on nettles for two days and the Republican leaders in the same uncomfortable position for much longer, was as follows: "Mr. Kennedy addressed the House. He withholds his remarks for revision." After Mr. Kennedy had withheld his remarks for revision more than a week he had them printed; but the public is already fully advised of the fact that the revision was a departure from the accuracy of the report. But that did not end the demonstration of the Congressional will that the *Record* shall not record truly. As it was an easier thing to do than to censure or expel Kennedy, and as it might also restrict the supply of first-class campaign ammunition for the Democrats, the determination is arrived at to expunge Mr. Kennedy's speech, and as a consequence by the Congressional fiat, his uttered words, which were also *letera scripta*, are enacted out of existence.

The most impressive quality of all this is its ludicrousness. The severely and innocently practical mind cannot help asking, what good does it do to enact an expunging by resolution. No one supposes that the expunging will prevent the people from knowing the nature of the speech, for it was spread broadcast through the land in thousands of newspapers before the *Congressional Record* appeared which would have contained the speech if it had been a true record, but did not. The House will probably defend itself from the impeachment of such unearthly innocence as to suppose that its resolution to expunge does actually wipe out the speech, by claiming that such a resolution is intended to convey a censure. But if so why not convey the censure by direct vote to that effect, and let the *Record* be what it purports to be, a truthful account of what was said and done.

Whatever the political or parliamentary bearing of the Kennedy incident, there is certainly pertinence in the *Sun's* declaration that if the people are to pay for the publication of a record of the proceedings of Congress, it should be a truthful record, and not a *Record* of cheap official lies.

SAVING A CANAL.

The movement in the District Court at Washington to secure for the mortgage bondholders of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal the right to pay off the claims under which the sale of that property is sought and to operate the canal as a waterway, is an interesting and important one. The effort to permanently wreck that canal and to turn it over to railway control has gone far toward complete success; but it is somewhat encouraging to find that there are still people with sufficient stamina to stand up for the maintenance of internal waterways. It is to be hoped that the suit may be successful on account of the importance of the principle of rescuing what is left of the canal system from the railway grasp, and for the especial purpose of keeping up the possible outlet for the trans-Allegheny canal until such time as the country shall be aroused to the importance of building it.

CHICAGO has an anti-smoke ordinance, and the city officials have actually been committing pernicious activity in the line of making its millionaires obey it. Pittsburg guards against any such misapprehension by keeping her ordinance books clear of any enactments against smoke.

WAS that glass combination a pool or a trust, or only the expectation of one? There seems to be a general failure among the glass trade to know exactly what it is—until the tariff bill is passed.

THE remarkable character which religious war may take is illustrated by a trouble in India, which reduces Swift's satire of the Bigendians and Littleendians to the level of commonplace. Two Mahometan sects, the Sunis and the Shias, have got into a fierce dispute over the proper way of saying "amen" during worship. The Sunis claim that it should be said softly and reverently, while the Shias assert that it should be shouted out joyfully and triumphantly. Over this dispute actual bloodshed has taken place, and though the troops have been called out, the fear is that the trouble may spread throughout India. This seems strange to us; but perhaps the Mahometans will consider it equally remarkable that we avoid such troubles in this country by an indifference whether people go to worship or say "amen" at all.

THE Weather Bureau had to predict fair weather for a long time before it materialized in the last two lovely days; but it got there finally and a grateful public applauds its perseverance and condones the absence of that missing frost.

Is it not rather inexplicable that the most serious effects of the monetary stringency should be manifested in Boston just after those alleged large disbursements of currency in Maine?

EX-GOVERNOR FOSTER says that there are several distinguished Ohioans who would like to step into Senator Sherman's shoes. As the Washington *Post* says: "The ex-Governor is a very careful man, and would not venture an assertion of this kind without being absolutely sure of its correctness," the fact being that he is most intimately acquainted with one of the class who would be willing to invest in a Senatorship. But it is safe to venture the prediction that your Uncle John Sherman will not be caught napping.

THE duration of Bayard's *modus vivendi* on the fisheries question, and the Republican arguments in favor of Treasury deposits in the banks, turn two of the Republican campaign arguments of 1888 into something like boomerangs.

WITH the reciprocity amendment agreed to thus early in the conference, it does not seem that the Speaker has deemed it discreet to try to smash the Secretary of State's programme.

A CLASSIS of the Reformed Church in Eastern Pennsylvania asks for the removal of a pastor in another classis who is accused of electioneering at a Sunday school picnic; and the New York *Sun* wants the same discipline administered to the New York clergymen who are taking part in municipal politics. The sentiment seems quite strong in some quarters that the strict standard should be lived up to, and that the clergymen have no business to meddle with politics or religion.

SENATORS PLUMB and Frye should receive instructions to the effect that their respective merits will not be decided by the number of roll-calls at which they were present or absent, but by the way they voted on these roll-calls.

IF Senator Plumb was able to transfer a slight percentage of his rugged independence from his speeches to his votes he would be much more harmonious in his aspect as a whole.

"As crop yields improve" says the Cincinnati *Commercial Gazette*, "Democratic hopes of winning the State of Illinois wither away." But why should that be so? Have not the Illinois farmers been instructed in the theory that the smaller their crop the richer they are, and will they not vote against the party in power for subjecting them to the disaster of a fair yield?

IF Judge Ewing should confirm the sale of the old Poor Farm and negative the purchase of a new one it would be a change of the programme that would put a decidedly new face on the matter.

THE Russian politicians are growling about the Triple Alliance; but they are not half as much worried about it as the American politicians are about the Farmers' Alliance.

THE testimony in the Sefton-Dunn case will have a tendency to inspire caution among people who read the papers about paying money to benevolent agents who promise to let you have $500 in exchange for a payment of $25. The people who do not read the papers will, of course, go on losing their money by the same old-fashioned methods.

THE talk of a session of Congress right along from now till the 4th of March is enough to make the public willing to accept anything the managers may prescribe in order to escape the infliction.

IF Balfour will arrest the whole Irish party and keep it in jail for a time perhaps he may by that means arrest the starvation of the Irish famine.

THE problem of making iron by the direct process of the ore is one with which metallurgists have long struggled. The indications that it is close to a success, by an experiment at one of the mills of this city, as outlined in our local columns, are of great importance to the entire industry.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

GENERAL EZETA, of San Salvador, is 27 years old—the age at which Napoleon's great fame began.

PROF. HERKOMER, the eminent English artist, recently cut his hand seriously while engaged in chopping wood.

EX-SECRETARY of the Navy and Senator W. F. Chandler, who resides at Concord, N. H., is reported to be a chronic invalid.

PROF. CHARLES F. HOLDER has written a life of Charles Darwin as the first volume in a series devoted to leaders of science.

MISS ALICE WARD, of Coney Island, is the champion woman swimmer of the world, and at present holds the medal, which she has won for the fifth time.

REV. DR. MEREDITH, the popular Brooklyn preacher, who has recently been traveling in the West, had his pocket picked of a valuable gold watch, presented to him by a Boston Bible class.

CHARLES GIBSON, of St. Louis, Mo., upon whom Emperor William bestowed the Order of the Crown, has gone to Berlin to express to the Emperor in person his appreciation of the honor.

A CORRESPONDENT in Edinburgh, after reading a report of Mr. Andrew Carnegie's speech in Dundee, to relieve his feelings, opened his American organ and played "God Save the Queen" till it nearly burst.

THE Legislative Assembly of Sydney, New South Wales, has, by a vote of 37 to 18, adopted Sir Henry Parkes' scheme for an Australian federation and appointed a committee, of whom Sir Henry is a member, to represent the colony at the approaching Federal convention.

WHEN the young Lord Dufferin reached his majority his mother, Helen, Countess of Gifford and granddaughter of Sheridan, presented him with a silver lamp and poem. He built a tower as a shrine for the lamp, and had the poem engraved on a gold tablet. Lord Tennyson, touched by this ideal deed, was moved to write a poem, which was also engraved on a gold tablet.

Sir Terence Will Try to Settle It.

QUEBEC, September 18.—Sir Terences O'Brien, Governor of Newfoundland, has arrived here on his way to Ottawa. He comes to Canada in connection with the French shore fishery disputes and to try to establish closer relations between Canada and Newfoundland.

OUR SHORT STORIES.

AN UNRECOGNIZED PRECEDENT.

EVERY one remembers the story of Rufus Choate, who, when asked by the court to quote the precedent which justified his making a certain assertion, responded: "Cheerfully, your honor, though in so doing I will have to deprive your honor of the unique distinction of establishing that precedent yourself."

Well, here is even a better yarn of a legal precedent which was picked up by William Henry Hurlbert, the ex-editor of the New York *World*, while gathering materials for his work on Ireland Under Coercion.

Hurlbert was in Cork one Easter week during the spring assizes and dropped into court on Holy Thursday afternoon to see how the crown officials disposed of agrarian cases in that distressful country. The court was about to adjourn for the day and the trial of the prisoner in the dock, who was charged with shooting his landlord, was not yet over. Every possible chance to delay the proceedings was being eagerly grasped by the defense and before the day's business was half-concluded, the prisoner's counsel was doing all in his power to have the court adjourn until Saturday on account of the next day being Good Friday.

"It is a holy day an' a solemn day, me lud!" explained the fervid barrister. "There is no record, me lud, in the annals of criminal jurisprudence; no record whatever of a man's being tried for his life on such a sacred day."

"We must protest against any such delay, me lud," contested the counsel for the prosecution. "There is absolutely no precedent to justify its being granted."

"I regret I cannot agree with our learned brother for the prosecution," saide the Assize Judge, old Baron Dowse, one of the cleverest and wittiest men that ever sat on the Irish bench; and, as he spoke, the face of the counsel for the defense visbly brightened. "A precedent for such a delay does exist, but that precedent was established at a trial which this Court refused to take cognizance of. As well as we can remember, a ruling adjourning proceedings out of respect to the holy day, now known as Good Friday, was made on a certain memorable occasion in the court presided over by Pontius Pilate. But be it here understood that none of the rulings made at that trial are recognized in Her Majesty's High Court of Justice in Ireland, and I therefore declare that proceedings in this court will be resumed on to-morrow, Good Friday, morning at 10:30 o'clock."

A TRUSTY GUIDE.

"SEE over theer, John—that theer buildin' 's the Carnaygee Libaree," said the old man from Wayback, indicating to his son, a tall freckled lad, the Riverside Penitentiary, "took a power o' money to build that libaree, and they do say there aint nothin' like it anywheres."

The train was an express, and soon the Ohio bridge connecting the Fort Wayne and the Panhandle came in sight. The old man knew all about that, too.

"That's the most wonderful bridge you ever see, John," he said. "It was all built in one piece, not out on the water, but up to Pittsburg, an' took down in boats. I read all about it in the paper."

THE EDITOR'S VISITORS.

A NEWSPAPER editor's visitors represent every age, class, creed and condition of humanity. Very often they represent inhumanity also. But they are all welcome of course. A newspaper editor is always glad to be interrupted in his work. The public understands well enough that newspaper editors have hardly sufficient work to keep them healthy anyhow. Nobody recognizes the charitable intent of the caller better than the called upon.

When the door opened the other day and three little maids from school asked if the editor was in he admitted frankly that he was. They were so glad. They had been sent over by their school teacher in Allegheny to ask the editor a question. Of course the editor could answer it. The editor tried to look sympathetic, likewise wise. He also ran over what he could remember in the way of recent editorials on scholastic topics. The school girls remarked again that they knew he could tell them what they wanted to know. Then without a word of warning the spokeswoman or spokesgirl is it? of the trio delivered this awful conundrum: "What is the other theory for the nebular hypothesis beside La Place's?"

They were three nice little misses of 15 or so. Nobody for a moment would have suspected them of harboring any such dangerous ideas.

Do you wonder that insurance companies regard a newspaperman's life as a bad risk.

In the evening of the same day a soft-spoken, auburn-haired gentleman opened the editorial door and asked plaintively: "Who wrote Annie Lawrie? He wasn't a Scotchman was he? Surely not Burns?"

Because an answer was not immediately forthcoming Annie Lawrie's friend told the elevator man the editor was a dumb person whose ignorance of the birthplace of St. Patrick would surely land him finally in Sheol.

DE GOOD SHIP.

I'SE bin watchin' long fer de "Good Ship,"
De Good Ship de Lo'd sent ter me:
An' it p'yars dat hit's had a long voyage
Crossin' life's troublesome sea.

I'se spected it long in de moh'nin',
When nary a sail was in sight,
An' I'se looked for it long about noon-day,
'N watched fer it way in de night.

Till I cast my ey ovah de boun'less
Ole ocean, an' what did I see?
Off dar in de hush ob de distance
De "Good Ship" a comin' to me.

So I laid my haid down on my pillow,
Fo' gettin' life's worry an' sin;
An' when I awoke in de moh'nin',
My "Good Ship" had done got in.

HE STARTED A GRAVEYARD.

OUT in the Erie coal fields near Burlington, Col., a few years ago a lean, freckled-faced fellow, with high Spanish heels on his boots, walked into the Stone and Quartz saloon at Burlington, and, leaning his long body on his bony arms on the bar, turned round to the half-dozen loiterers who were in the place, and with a drawl drew his lantern jaw down on his flannel shirt and said:

"How long has this yer camp been a runnin'?"

"Two years," replied the bartender without raising his eyes.

"Graveyard begun yit?"

"Not yit."

"'Bout time the camp had one. S'pose I start one?"

One bony arm left the bar. It never reached its owner's belt. There was a noise that sounded like a man dropping a log chain in an empty hardware store and this noise was followed by a crash of exploding six shooters from the loiterers. A curtain of white smoke rolled up against the ceiling. The man at the bar made a lurch and then fell upon the floor. Six bullets were in his body.

A graveyard was started in Burlington next morning. The lean man started it himself. Burlington is now wiped out, but high up on Bear Rib Butte is one grave. It is the only one the camp left.

THEIR CHEAP LITTLE LUNCH.

JONES and Smith happened to meet at the same table in a restaurant.

"Do you dine at this place often?" asked Jones.

"Quite often," said Smith. "It is moderate in price, at least for common dishes, the cooking is excellent, the service good, and everything is clean."

"It is pretty well patronized, too," observed Jones. "A good many merchants and Board of Trade men come here for their meals."

"Yes. What are you going to order?"

"I think I'll take a porterhouse steak, a glass of claret and a pudding of some kind. A man on a salary can't afford a swell dinner."

"That's a fact. We've got to curb our appetites. I'm going to try veal cutlets breaded, a few vegetables, an omelet souffle and a pint of porter. I can't go over 75 cents or $1 for a mere lunch."

"That's about the figure for me. Now, if I could afford such a meal as Tubbies over there at that table in the corner is about to order, I'd have something worth talking about."

"You bet! What do you suppose Tubbies is worth?"

"He's worth a clean million and a half."

Jones and Smith looked enviously at the table in the corner, where the millionaire, with the bill of fare before him, was knitting his brows and pursing up his mouth in the effort to decide what he wanted. After studying the printed slip from top to bottom several times he seemed to have come to a conclusion.

"Waiter," he said to the white-aproned official standing respectfully by, "bring me some doughnuts and a cup of coffee."

SOME CORRESPONDENCE.

A Letter From Colonel McClure and a Statement From Mr. Welshons.

The following correspondence is in relation to a statement attributed to Senator Quay:

PHILADELPHIA, September 18, 1890.

Editor Pittsburg Times:

DEAR SIR—"What yer givin' me anyway." You must get your own monkeys to pull your chestnuts out of the fire; I'm not of that breed.

I never had a word with Mr. Phillips on the subject, or any other political subject. I have often talked with Rutan about the nomination for Governor, in the confidence of long friendship, and I had a frank and confidential talk over the peculiar political situations in Pennsylvania with Mr. Welshons, then and now connected with your paper, who was doing occasional newspaper work for this journal, and who was expected to do more relating to the gubernatorial nomination; but the assertion that Senator Quay made the declaration to me quoted by you does gross injustice to both him and myself.

My conversation with Mr. Welshons was in the confidence of instructions for journalistic work, and I assume that he has not exaggerated or perverted my expressions. If he had made public use of them, even truthfully, he would be discredited by all journalists.

Senator Quay's actions are always sufficiently explicit to be understood, without inventing or perverting his expressions, and in no act of his life has he been more explicit than in the nomination of Delamater as his candidate, as has been repeatedly stated in my editorial columns.

I can't recall any time during the last dozen years or more when Quay's political aims and methods were in accord with my views, and my most earnest political efforts have been in direct antagonism to his, as they are in the present contest, but I always hit above the belt.

Yours very truly,
A. K. MCCLURE.

Mr. Welshons' Statement.

Mr. Welshons last night made the following statement:

Colonel McClure did tell me that Senator Quay had said to him precisely what the *Times* quoted him as saying, but Colonel McClure is in error in so far as he ascribes the publication of it to me. It appeared in the Pittsburg *Times* first on June 7. I was then informed that Colonel McClure had so quoted Senator Quay to the Hon. James S. Rutan, State Senator from the Forty-second Pennsylvania district, Mr. Thomas W. Phillips, of New Castle, also said that another person had quoted Colonel McClure in the same language to him. At that time I had not seen Colonel McClure for months. I think not for a year. Some weeks after this publication, just before the Republican State Convention, I went to Philadelphia to see whether there was any solidity or intention of good faith in the Hastings delegation from that city. I found that, on the contrary, it was on call for Mr. Delamater to whatever extent might be necessary to nominate him. In discussing with Colonel McClure, in his editorial room, this situation, which Colonel McClure understood much earlier than I, he said: "Why, there is no doubt that Quay is going to nominate Delamater. When I told him six months ago that he was sailing too close to the rocks with Delamater, he said:

"'I have been making Governors all my life, but I have never had one of my own. I am going to nominate Delamater and know how it feels to own a Governor just for once.'"

This information was not new to me, for it had been published in the *Times* about three weeks before, and the knowledge of it had been in the *Times* office some time before that. It was chronologically impossible, therefore, for me to have betrayed Colonel McClure's confidence, even if I had been willing to do so. If there was a breach of faith anywhere in this matter it was outside of the office of the Pittsburg *Times*. It lies back of my knowledge and responsibility, and upon other shoulders than mine. I had, some years ago, done occasional news work for the Philadelphia *Times*, and possible opportunities to do more during this summer were discussed in the course of my talk with Colonel McClure, but if he will remember that the time was within a few days of the State Convention, he will see that such information as this could not possibly be given as instructions to a subordinate. I quite agree with him that if I had made public use of any information given me by him, it should discredit me. But this was already well known to me, and even now I should not feel free to speak of it if Colonel McClure had not himself taken off the implied seal of secrecy by publishing his recollections of it.

PITTSBURG HAS THE OFFICES.

Result of the Four Consolidated Railways Election.

PHILADELPHIA, September 18.—At a meeting at the Pennsylvania Railroad office here to-day the Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railway Company was formed by the consolidation of the Pittsburg, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railway Company, the Chicago, St. Louis and Pittsburg Railroad Company, the Jeffersonville, Madison and Indianapolis Railroad Company and the Cincinnati and Richmond Railroad Company. The lines heretofore operated by these companies will on and after October 1, 1890, be operated by the new organization. The following officers were elected:

J. N. McCullough, First Vice President, office Pittsburg; James McCrea, Second Vice President, office Pittsburg; Thomas D. Messler, Third Vice President and Controller, office Pittsburg; John E. Davidson, Treasurer, office Pittsburg; S. B. Liggett, Secretary, office Pittsburg; Stephen W. White, Assistant Secretary, Philadelphia; Joseph Wood, General Manager, Pittsburg; E. B. Taylor, General Superintendent of Transportation, Pittsburg; John F. Miller, General Superintendent, Columbus.

A RED LETTER DAY.

The Grand Lodge Turns Out in a Big Parade and Dines at Night.

TOPEKA, September 18.—Yesterday was the big day of the Sovereign Grand Lodge Encampment owing to the parade. Special trains brought thousands of visitors to the city. The parade began at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon and was one of the longest ever seen in the State. The Grand Marshal was Linus J. Webb, Commander in Chief of the Sons of Veterans. The column was headed by a platoon of metropolitan police, followed by the Grand Marshal and staff, Major General E. M. Sloane, commanding the division of the Mississippi, and staff; Brigadier General Pond, commanding the Second Brigade division of the Mississippi, and staff; visiting canton; subordinate lodges of I. O. O. F.; the officers and representatives of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in carriages; officers and representatives of the national convention of the Daughters of Rebekah in carriages.

The banquet last night at the Metropolitan Hall was a grand success. Plates were laid for 500 guests. Toasts were responded to by Grand Sire Underwood, M. E. Rea, Grand Sire-elect Busbee, and others.

A PLEASANT WEDDING.

Marriage of Alfred B. Patterson to Miss Anna W. Burke.

The wedding of Mr. Alfred B. Patterson and Miss Anna W. Burke was performed last evening at the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. W. H. Knox, in the presence of their immediate relatives. After the ceremony the bride and groom left for a tour of the Eastern cities. On their return they will take up their residence at No. 94 Crawford street, where they will be at home to their friends after October 1.

The bride is the daughter of ex-Alderman Burke and the groom is the manager of the Revere Rubber Company and the son of ex-Councilman Allen Patterson. The presents are valuable and numerous.

Came to Town and Were Wedded.

A party composed of Rev. W. T. Braden and wife, Elmer J. Baxter, Miss Carrie Reimer, Miss Sadie Reimer and Miss Nancie Baxter, of Parnassus, Pa., stopped at the Seventh avenue yesterday and Mr. Baxter and Miss Carrie Reimer were united in marriage by Rev. Braden. The ceremony took place in the hotel parlors and after dinner the party returned to Parnassus.

One of the Events of the Season.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

GREENVILLE, September 18.—Miss Irene M., eldest daughter of Dr. T. F. Leet, and Rev. Albert J. Reichert, of Versailles, O., were married at 9 o'clock this evening at the residence of the bride's parents. The wedding was one of the society events of the season.

Take No Stock in the Conversions.

CHICAGO, September 18.—The Hebrews, both orthodox and those of the modern school, are said by Rabbi E. M. Hirsch to take little stock in the alleged conversions to the Hebrew faith, such as the case of Lawyer Vere V. Hunt, mentioned in yesterday's DISPATCH.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Hutchinson Bovard.

Mr. Hutchinson Bovard, an old resident of Allegheny, died yesterday at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. J. C. Offert, of New Castle. Mr. Bovard was in his 79th year. He was well known in this city, as he was engaged in business here for some time. Since 1867 he has not been in any active business. He had three children, Mrs. J. C. Offert, of New Castle; Mrs. Dr. Magoffin, of Mercer, and Mr. James Bovard, of Bovard, Rose & Co. The funeral services will be held at New Castle to-day, and he will be buried from the residence of his son, on Sandusky street, Saturday morning.

George T. Rogers.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

BROOKVILLE, September 18.—George T. Rogers, formerly cashier of the Jefferson County National Bank, of this place, and at present cashier of the First National Bank of Lamar, Mo., died at this place to-day.

SNAP SHOTS IN SEASON.

IF you bait your hook for a minnow you must not expect to catch a whale.

THE question of selling vegetables by weight is again being agitated in some communities. Some market men and hucksters can juggle with peck and quart measures in a way not dreamed of by innocent buyers. If the stuff was weighed the tricksters would be circumvented. But as there are always two sides to every question there is little hope for reform in this direction. While the honest purveyors of our vegetables take kindly to the weighing idea, the farmers and gardeners oppose it. Evaporation would play havoc with the weight of the stuff between the time it left the home scales and reached the market and store weighing machines. This is the chief obstacle brought out by discussion, and it looks like a serious one. All housekeepers can hope for is an honest peck, gallon or quart. Keep your eye on the gun while the hucksters load it.

PLUMB is of opinion that Windom's financial policy is out of plumb. There is always more or less crookedness about money anyhow.

THEY smash doors as easily as rules in Congress.

IT is hard to see daylight these foggy mornings.

THEY pronounce it the Kreutzer So Naughty now.

THE monk who discovered champagne also found the cork to fit the bottle. Both discoveries were accidental. A closely-corked bottle exploded, and champagne was born. This good monk will have a great deal to answer for at the great round-up.

ONE joy does not make happiness any more than one swallow makes a summer.

GIRLS who are seeking shape and muscle will find both in the washtub.

A MODEL in the costume rooms of the dress-making establishments does not have to talk. The saleswoman does all that. How the poor model must suffer!

YOU need not be a mind-reader to guess what a woman gazing into a fur store is thinking about.

THE revolution in that Swiss canton didn't last long enough for the merchants to put up the price of Canton flannel.

IT is some consolation to know that when you die you ride in the first carriage behind the funeral director.

I KNOW a cigar stand attendant who speaks seven languages. If he had learned one trade he would be smoking instead of selling "perfectos."

THE grain and stock gamblers feel the money pinch worse than the other fellows. If they could be squeezed to death the country would be better off.

SOME mighty interesting reading has been furnished from Reading this week.

IF dyspeptics walked more and grumbled less they would absorb more sunshine.

IF a rich rake is drowned or killed he is slobbered over by some newspapers, while worthy but poor victims of hate and fate are dismissed with a paragraph. Robert Ray Hamilton hardly deserves the obituaries dished up by the metropolitan space writers.

"SPASMODIC Wry Neck" is the title of a paper read before a medical meeting in Philadelphia. This ailment is probably caused by handling the neck of a bottle holding rye.

GOOD wine cannot be judged by the label.

PATTI is en route. She will make another farewell tour of America. As a rounder the divine diva is a golden success.

KICKING guns don't carry the heaviest charges.

WHERE is that Ohio ballot box investigating committee's report? Is it to be withheld from the rascality record? The people are patient, but not quite so forgetful as the politicians imagine.

THE only count New York has ever kicked against is the census count. One seems to be about as fraudulent as the other, too.

PERHAPS doors made of boiler iron would work well in the House.

THERE may be luck in odd numbers, but when Candidate Delamater's labor leaguers can draw only 17 followers in Allegheny county it is very doubtful if the laborers are worthy their hire.

IT will soon be love among the roses at the Exposition. Perfume and melody touch tender chords.

THE dead rest as well under the sea as under the sod.

THE 48 accepted by Windom will put over $30,000,000 into circulation immediately. Therefore, money will be easy, but just as hard to get.

IF you desire to be lionized visit darkest Africa with a gun.

WHAT a pot-and-kettle farce the Ranm inquiry was, anyhow. The clerk who testified against the Pension Commissioner was called a postoffice robber by Ranm. Scratch an official scandal and you are liable to find a sewer. The committee's report will have to be put in the refrigerator to keep it from smelling loud.

THE sun was a little late yesterday, but got there finally. A fog bank is easier to handle than a cloud.

IF you violate the law newspapers can say so, according to Judge Slagle. Honest folk will indorse his ruling.

DON'T chase a lie: nail it on the spot.

THE Governor-making sentence which has been going the rounds has narrowed down to a question of veracity between Senator Quay and Colonel McClure. Old Affy Davy is the only resort now, gentlemen.

SMOKELESS powder defaces the faces of the girls. Shoot it.

NEW YORK choir boys are striking for 90 cents a month. Why don't they ask for a full note?

IF the electric wires were buried there would be fewer burials.

A CHICAGO doctor claims that he has hypnotized men eight miles away. This is long-distance deviltry.

A GREAT many bridal tours are being planned. Some of the summer girls must have caught on.

WHY not attach a badly insulated wire to a murderer instead of fixing up expensive electrocuting apparatus? The street article seems to get there with neatness and dispatch.

THE money market should be relieved before Bernhardt, Patti, Stanley and other high-priced foreign luxuries pass down the gangplank at the Barge Office. Knock the bung out of the barrel or put up the bars.

ANNA DICKINSON claims to be the originator of the Lodge force bill. Woman is at the bottom of nearly every trouble.

THE smile of the candidate is abroad in the land.

RECIPROCITY, Retaliation and Revenue are the three Rs Dr. Depew swears by. Whoop it up, Chauncey.

LOTTA will put $40,000 into a new theater pool at Chicago. She must have a lot of money, and could afford to support a husband.

MANY of the actors and actresses who traveled together last season are on separate circuits now. The matrimonial circuit was broken during vacation, you know.

MANY weak lambs have been fleeced in Wall street during the week.

WHEN a doctor writes a prescription for you while another doctor is dosing you medical courtesy is violated. If you kick the old doctor out before calling in the new doctor it's courteous treatment. Senatorial courtesy and medical courtesy are very much alike.

WHEN a dog grows old and feeble you wish he had died young. WILLIE WINKLE.

HOW WILL YOU VOTE?

Topics for Exposition Visitors to Ballot on During the Last Three Days This Week—Pool Selling on Race Tracks—Rights of Funerals—Organ Recitals—Prize Essay Topic.

The topics chosen for Exposition visitors to vote upon at DISPATCH Headquarters, Brunswick-Balke-Collender Billiard Company's space, during the last three days of this week are given herewith. You are asked to cast your ballots to-day and to-night on the following question:

Should Funerals Have Right of Way Over Street Cars? Open to Lady and Gentlemen Voters.

SATURDAY'S VOTING TOPIC.

Should the Free Organ Recitals in Carnegie Hall, Allegheny, be Kept Up? Open to Lady and Gentlemen Voters.

The Poll Book will open and close with the Exposition each morning and evening.

TO PROMOTE PITTSBURG.

Handsome Prizes Offered for the Best Essay on a Splendid Topic.

The Prize Essay Contest this week will be open to all writers except those directly or indirect