

**HARRISON'S HELPER**  
Still Vow That Blaine and Ben Understand Each Other Nicely.

**LOVE, THAT'S BROTHERLY**  
Has a Place in Both Their Hearts Now 'Tis Said.

**HARRISON AND TARIFF WILL WIN**  
Says Gen. Goff, Who Gratefully Praises Our President.

**THE WASHINGTON GOSSIP REAFFIRMED**  
*(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)*  
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Congressman Charles S. Baker, of Rochester, who has been spending a few days in Washington, was at the Fifth Avenue Hotel today. Most of his friends are close to Mr. Blaine, and for that reason his opinion as to whether the Secretary of State will be a candidate for the Presidency in 1892, carries considerable weight. He said: "In my opinion Mr. Blaine and President Harrison understand each other thoroughly, and before long I think the Secretary will announce to the public that he favors the re-nomination of the President. I have been in Washington a few days, and heard the expression of a number of Representatives on the subject. There is scarcely any room to doubt that Mr. Blaine and I have no intention whatever of becoming a candidate, and those who think that his relations with the President are strained are very much mistaken. In fact, I venture to say that they understand each other so well that if Mr. Blaine's health were good and he desired to become the candidate General Harrison would heartily support him.

**CUPID IN A CONVENT**  
**A PRETTY EPISCOPAL RECLUSE RE-NOUNCES HER VOWS**

*An Ardent Lover Induces Her to Give Up a Sister's Vow for that of a Bride-A Courtship Behind High Walls—Happily Wedded Yesterday.*

BALTIMORE, Dec. 17.—[Special.]—The marriage today of Miss Lily Elliott and Robert Elliott is the sequel to a courtship which began behind the convent walls. The bride is the daughter of W. H. Elliott, a wealthy iron merchant, and was at one time a leader in society. One of her sisters is the wife of Bishop Nicholson, of Milwaukee, and another is married only a few weeks ago to Lieutenant Schwering, of the navy. Miss Lily had tired of fashionable life, and about seven years ago determined to enter the Protestant Episcopal convent of the Visitation. The convent adjoins Mt. Calvary Protestant Episcopal Church, and is as securely guarded as any Catholic institution. Miss Lily, after a probationary period, assumed the name of a devoted novice. She was practically lost to the world until a short time ago, when the announcement of her engagement caused a decided sensation. Soon after she reappeared in society. It has since leaked out that through her sister, Mrs. Schwering, and Miss Elliott, the groom's sister, a correspondence was carried on. Here she was met by her lover and the engagement followed. To-day they were quietly married in St. Michael's and All Angels' Church, by Dr. Kirkus.

**A MURDERER GETS OFF LIGHT.**  
*His Life Sentence Commuted to Seven Years by Governor Campbell.*

COLUMBUS, Dec. 17.—[Special.]—Governor Campbell has commuted the life sentence of Alfred R. McCoy to seven years, when he is released from prison. It is the nature of a surprise, as the Board of Pardons had rejected the application of the man for clemency. The crime for which McCoy was convicted has hardly a parallel in the history of the State. The victim of the tragedy, Dr. Northrup, of Haverhill, who was assassinated, was in the streets of the village in broad daylight, and the assailant, Jesse, after a regular fusillade from the assailants, Northrup, who was not armed, fell literally shot to pieces. The McCoy case has followed the same course, and this alone saved them from the scaffold.

**A MIDNIGHT EXECUTION.**  
*Ohio's Troublesome Murderer at Last Successfully Disposed Of.*

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 17.—W. E. Fitzgerald, the Youngstown murderer, was executed at the penitentiary annex to-night. He was brought into the scaffold at 12:30 A. M., and pronounced dead 13 minutes afterward. He had nothing to say on the scaffold except to forgive his enemies. An organized labor mass-meeting. An open meeting of union workmen was held at Sailer's Hall, under direction of the Building Trades Council, last night, to discuss the existing labor situation. There was a large attendance of the striking printers. W. G. Ripple presided, and addresses were made by H. A. Goff, Theodore Stouffer, W. E. Wetzel and Frank McCloskey on the printers' strike and other labor topics. This meeting will be followed by others of a similar character, having as an object the education of the members.

**The Colorado Miners' Strike Falls.**  
CRESTED BUTTE, Dec. 17.—The coal miners' strike was virtually ended to-night, when 40 Austrian miners went to work loading coals on the cars. The men were protected by an armed posse of 50 men. The next step by the operators will be an attempt to work men in the mine. A move of this kind will be opposed by the Italians, and may result in another fatal fight.

**Santa Claus' Visit.**  
Won't be complete unless he leaves some of Marvin's nicks—nuts, animal cakes, Christmas toys and cocoa-bon-bon macaroons for the little folks. Christmas toys have rings attached to the ankles of the beautiful Christmas tree decorations. Order them from your grocer. Don't let anybody make you believe that other crackers and cakes are as good as Marvin's. Make the test yourself and be convinced. NWP.

strengthen the Republican party in West Virginia, which, it is claimed, is the eye of breaking away from the solid South. The appointment of General Goff to one of the new Circuit Judgeships, and the selection of Mr. Elkins for a cabinet position coming in the week of H. R. Byrd, both politicians of both parties as an indication that the President desires to encourage the party in West Virginia, which it is acknowledged will be the great fighting ground next year in a contest on the part of the Republicans to break the bond of sympathy which has held the South together for so many years. That these appointments have strengthened the President among West Virginia Republicans is beyond doubt. But most of them are in Mr. Blaine's hand, since both Elkins and Goff are personally strong friends of the Secretary of State. They say the party is thoroughly united, and the encouragement they have just derived will be of incalculable benefit.

**ELKINS WAS HARD TO GET**  
*He Twice Refused the War Portfolio Because Goff Wasn't Provided For.*

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The Post tomorrow, in commenting on the nomination of Hon. Stephen B. Elkins to be Secretary of War, will say: Mr. Elkins was offered the war portfolio last spring, at Cape May. He then declined it. Later in the summer the President again intimated his desire to have Mr. Elkins succeed Mr. Proctor. Again the position was refused. Mr. Elkins stated that he could not accept it while Mr. Goff was unprovided for, his reasons being that Mr. Goff should be recognized for the time and money spent by him in endeavoring to promote the interests of the Republican party in West Virginia. When a few weeks ago Mr. Elkins visited Washington and lunched with the President at the White House, he was asked for the third time to accept the place. With the tender at this time was coupled the assurance that General Goff would be given one of the Circuit Court judgeships. Mr. Elkins replied that under these circumstances he would consider the offer. He went at once to call upon the Secretary of State, with whom he had a long and pleasant interview. Mr. Elkins was asked Mr. Elkins, in the course of the talk, "would my appointment have upon your Presidential chances next year?" "Absolutely none," was Mr. Blaine's reply. "As I feel at present, I shall not be a candidate for the nomination. I should like to be should come to me from the Republican party an overwhelming expression demanding that I accept the nomination. I may feel constrained to put aside my personal feelings and accept the nomination. In that case I will not be in the race, and therefore you will be my friend also. On the other hand, should Mr. Harrison be the nominee, I will not be in the race, and therefore you will be my friend. I cannot see how your acceptance or declination will affect the conditions of things in the slightest degree, and I would advise you to accept the appointment." Whereupon Mr. Elkins accepted.

**WORKMEN'S WEAPONS.**  
*The Boycott a Boomerang if Unfairly Used, Says Gompers.*  
SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO CONTROL.  
A Pennsylvania Court's Decision Makes Union Labels Useless.

**TROUBLE IS COMING ON THE COAST**  
BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Dec. 17.—Much important business claimed the attention of the delegates to the convention of the American Federation of Labor to-day. President Gompers recommended that the organization demand the passage of a law by Congress recognizing the first Monday in September (Labor Day) as a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the Territories, under the jurisdiction of the General Government, and a resolution to that effect was adopted. When the question of boycotts was reached, President Gompers spoke as follows: I desire to impress upon your minds the resolution adopted at the St. Louis convention upon the report of the committee having that subject under consideration. Every local organization seems to take upon itself the right to levy boycotts and spread them before the entire country. It seems to me that before the people should be asked to taboo the product of any firm, opportunity should be given for investigation, and no boycott be recognized unless approved by the convention, or the Executive Council in the interim of the conventions of this Federation. The boycott sometimes a boomerang. The boycott is a very powerful weapon in the hands of the wage-workers, but if used upon a firm unfairly, promiscuously or without investigation, it is likely to ruin, and thus destroy the usefulness of that method to obtain our rights. Then, again, organizations entirely foreign and antagonistic to the trades unions and the American Federation have depended in a large degree in carrying out boycotts to a successful termination upon the trade unions affiliated to the American Federation of Labor. Several of these unions have been terminated successfully. I trust that this convention will be likely to make reference to the levying and supporting of boycotts. The matter was referred to a committee. On the subject that has grown out of the adoption of a uniform label the President said: The last convention directed that a label be issued for the product of the members of the American Federation of Labor, and that no other label be of their own. Although the label has not been in great demand, I attribute it to the fact that the people have a little opportunity to make its issuance generally known. In connection with the issuance of the label, it would be proper to call your attention to the fact that a decision was recently rendered by a justice of the peace of Pennsylvania, which, if allowed to stand, would be one of the severest blows which could be inflicted upon the rights of organized labor. Producers have no right to a label. It questions our right to issue a label certifying to the character of the product bearing it. In the decision, Judge Williams says that, inasmuch as the wage-workers do not own the product they cannot have a label certifying to the character of labor employed in its production. A more unjust decision in the interest of the wealth-poseesers and against the wealth-producers, has seldom been rendered, even in the darkest days of the tariff. The attention is called to this decision because, if upheld, it will render nugatory all efforts to place a label on the product of our labor. It is probably the first time that forgery and counterfeiting has been judicially recognized in the world. The officers of the ensuing term should be empowered to co-operate with the affiliated unions in order to secure such legislation as may be necessary to overcome the obstacles presented, or a reversal of the court in question. The Pacific Coast Federation. The delegates from the Pacific coast brought up the question of the conflicting labor elements in that region in brewery and other matters, and President Gompers made an explanation, after which a special committee was appointed to adjudicate upon the matter. Said Mr. Gompers: Since last year a convention was had of all the unions on the Pacific coast, taking in an area from Spokane, Wash., to and inclusive of California and British Columbia. That convention established a "Federation of Labor and I see in it (unless some arrangement is made by the two organizations referred to shall be adjusted) two organizations with the same purposes in view, having local units in the same industry, and which can hardly work on parallel lines. Sooner or later, greater conflicts will arise, and instead of the peace of the Chicago police adopted by the American Federation of Labor this morning, reads as follows: WHEREAS, the action of the Chicago police in breaking into two lawful and peaceful meetings of labor people of the city without warrant, was in violation of every principle of right and justice, therefore Resolved, That the American Federation of Labor denounce such action as dangerous to the public interest, and that it be notified to the warring people, but to all classes, as it tends to the usurpation of the people's authority and the substitution of an authority entirely foreign to the spirit of American institutions. Home Rule for Washington City. The resolution calling for a change in the form of government at Washington City, adopted in previous sessions and which has practically no discussion, was as follows: Resolved, That the American Federation of Labor earnestly indorses the action of the citizens of Washington City, in requesting a new form of government, and in requesting the passage of a law re-establishing a government of the people and by the people in the capital of the nation. A telegram was received from Patrick McBride, asking what the convention had done toward helping the striking Indiana miners, but the committee was not ready to report. In reference to the circular issued by the New York Central Labor Federation, denouncing President Gompers as a corrupt agent in holding out a bribe to the corporation, and his office and the Federation to corrupt deals with the New York City Democrats, the Committee on Grievances reported this resolution: Resolved, That this Federation do emphatically declare its faith in President Gompers as an honest, upright and earnest worker to the cause of labor, and that it absolutely believes him to be as far above bribery, political boodism or corruption as the stars are above the mother earth, when her dramatic readings were greatly admired. At that time she essayed several parts in Shakespearean comedies also, but looked frowny and abled a great actress. Her return to the stage to-day proved to be a mistake. She evinced no proficiency in acting, but was as awkward as any novice, and her impersonation of the adroit woman as composed of frequent alterations between absurd attempts at buoyant gaiety and almost as ridiculous essays at emotional expression.

**DRINK**  
*What a Wonderful Drink*

Not one of the Big Ones, but the Gathering of the Cold-Water Crowd.  
CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—St. Louis will entertain the Prohibition National Convention June 29-30. This was the decision reached to-day by the National Committee in session here. The contest lay between Cleveland, Cincinnati and St. Louis and it took 12 ballots to decide. Either Cleveland or Cincinnati could have been chosen if the Ohio delegation had been at any time solid for either, but the division in the ranks of the State gave the choice to St. Louis. Thirty-three votes were cast and 17 were necessary for a choice. At one time Cincinnati received the required number and was declared the choice of the convention, but, on investigation, it was found that 34 ballots had been cast, while there were but 33 voters in the room. The vote was consequently declared off, and on the succeeding ballots Cincinnati lost until the twelfth ballot received but three votes. The basis of representation was made double the Congressional representation, according to the new appointment, two delegates for the District of Columbia and one for every 1,000 votes cast for Fisk in 1888.

**EGAN IS STILL HATED.**  
**CHILEAN NEWSPAPERS VERY BITTER AGAINST HIM.**

*The Government Preparing to Prevent the Carrying Out of Any Plot—A Story Told That Frank Egan Now Flatly Denies—Spanish Legation Troubles.*

**WHITTIER 84 YEARS OLD.**  
*His Birthday Passed Quietly at the Home of His Cousin.*

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—John Greenleaf Whittier, the "Quaker Poet," is 84 years old to-day, and received numerous congratulations.

**A DAY OFF RUINED HIM.**  
*How a Bank Bookkeeper Who Embezzled \$20,000 Was Detected.*

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 17.—John L. Ferguson, a bookkeeper in the National Bank of Kansas City, was arrested this morning and sent to jail for embezzling \$20,000 from the bank where he was employed. Ferguson was ill last Tuesday and remained at home, and when he went to work Wednesday, in order to carry ahead his fraudulent account, he had to change the figures made by his temporary predecessor. This was discovered, and the investigation which followed revealed the embezzlement. Ferguson, being called before the officers of the bank, made a full confession. His method was somewhat peculiar. He opened a fictitious account and raised the figures on the receiving teller's blotter so as to show deposits accordingly. Then he credited the account accordingly and drew checks in the fictitious name in order to keep up with the deposits. Not a cent is left, but the National Bank of Kansas City will get \$20,000 from the American Surety company, which had indemnified Ferguson. Ferguson refuses to say where the money has gone, but declares he has spent it all; some on poker, some in other dissipations. He is a single man.

**MRS. SCOTT-SIDDONS' FLAT FAILURE;**  
*She Proves No Better an Actress Than She Was Years Ago.*

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—[Special.]—A new version of Emile Augier's "L'Aventurieri," adapted by Harry St. Maur, was performed this afternoon at Palmer's Theatre. The title given to the play was, "What a Woman," and the audience seemed to be in a mood to roister it as an explanation prompted by Mrs. Scott-Siddons. Probably few persons in the theater recalled that as a beautiful and accomplished elocutionist 20 years ago, when her dramatic readings were greatly admired. At that time she essayed several parts in Shakespearean comedies also, but looked frowny and abled a great actress. Her return to the stage to-day proved to be a mistake. She evinced no proficiency in acting, but was as awkward as any novice, and her impersonation of the adroit woman as composed of frequent alterations between absurd attempts at buoyant gaiety and almost as ridiculous essays at emotional expression.

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In Boston and is Playing Havoc in Charitable Institutions.

**CHINA'S VICEROY IS NOW SNEEZING**

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—[Special.]—The grip has already made itself felt in the big dry-goods stores in this city, at the very time when the services of every employe are in greatest demand. The firm of R. H. White & Co. is the greatest sufferer, more than 50 girls being sick with the grip. At Jordan & Marsh's there are about 40 absences on account of the same disease. In the smaller stores the disease has also taken the same proportionate number of employes. The girls yield to the disease more readily than the men. Deputy Superintendent Burhill, of the Police Department, is on the sick list to-day, and so are 43 of Boston's "finest." The ravages of the grip in Philadelphia have been most severe at the Home for Aged Women. Out of the 100 inmates 30 are prostrated with the disease, 10 have died within the past five days, and yesterday Elizabeth McCaw, aged 81 years, while crazed with the malady, cut her throat, dying shortly afterward. The list of deaths caused by the ravages of influenza in London continues to grow larger daily. The latest place in which the disease has assumed an epidemic form is Eltham, County Kent, seven miles southeast of London. A large number of the people in the workhouse there are prostrated with the disease, and the local physicians are overrun with calls for their assistance. During the past week there have been eight deaths from the disease in the workhouse. President Frances E. Willard, of the National W. C. T. U. is confined to her home at Evanston, Ill., by an attack of the grip. She has been suffering from the disease for some time, but has struggled against it. The excitement caused by the death of her assistant, Miss Julia Ames, and the fatigue attending Miss Willard's participation in the funeral brought on a more severe attack. The London Chronicle's Shanghai correspondent says: Li Hung Chang has been in bed several days with a severe attack of influenza. His doctors are very anxious about him.

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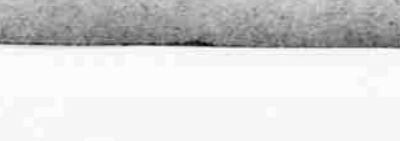
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