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FORTY SEVENTH YEAR.

BIDS FOR VOTES IN THE SOUTH

Will Be Met by the Administration Just as Fast as They Are Made.

BLANCH BRUCE'S MISSION

To Look After Colored Delegates and See That None Get Away.

Further Details of That Anti-Harrison Conference Leak Out-Tom Reed's Bitterness One of the Features-Alger's Barrel Relied on to Beat the President for a Renomination-The Administration Watching Sherman Closely-Frailty of the Foster-McKinley Combine-West Virginia Delegates Will Vote for Harrison.

WASHINGTON, May 8 .- Hon, Blanch K. Bruce, Recorder of Deeds in the District of Columbia, and who, with Revels and Pinchback, enjoys the distinction of being one of three colored men who were once in the United States Senate, goes South in a few days on a tour of inspection of the colored delegates thus far selected for Minneapolis. This information seems to be sedulously circulated by administration adherents, and the reason of this is variously analyzed. The most plausible motive advanced is that the President already has news that colored delegates are being tampered with, and desires the fact advertised that an authorized agent will soon be on the ground to

meet all bids thus far proffered. It is stated that ex-Senator Kellogg, of Louisiana, is now endeavoring to secure all possible bets, at even, that Harrison will be defeated in the National Convention.

At the Treasury Department Sherman's conduct is causing consternation, and it is well known that the McKinley-Foster combine has recently intimated tear that Obio's Senator was playing his last desperate hazand for the Presidency, and, therefore, was blowing hot and cold.

Alger's Fat Purse Relied On. General Alger's fat purse is relied upon

by the entire anti-Harrison cabal to accomplish the defeat of the present incumbent, and all the information which has emanated to-day from the penetralia of the opposition asserts that Michigan's ambitious ex-Governor has it in his power to defeat Harrison if he will employ his barrel for this purpose solely, and not attach the proiso that the usufruct shall be his own,

There is no mistaking the intense personal dislike of the President among the bic politicians of his party. His ungrateful treatment of Dudley, his ignoring of Quay, and the entire familiar gamut of his turning upon the men who gave so largely of funds or energy to his success are constantly being recapitulated. Platt's hatred is intense, and based upon the broken promise to induct him into a Cabinet place. Blaine, in his pride of deserving recognition as prompt as complete of being the prince in the Republican household, cannot forget that even his own notification of being selected for the State portfolio came the latest in the entire list of Cabinet

Tom Reed the Bitterest of All, Tom Reed is perhaps the most bitter of

the whole contingent, and at last night's conference made the statement that Harrisom could not secure New England. Even Tom Platt's declaration that New York was an uncertain quantity, if Harrison were renominated, was modulated in more harmonious tones than the ex-Speaker's raspy The whole story of the conference will

gradually cone out, as there are too many participants to expect any greater secrecy than surrounds an executive session of the Senate. Don Cameron ably backed Quay with his Scotch unrelenting dislike. Even Channeey Depew was too far capti-

vated by his own possible attainment of that ambition so rudely dispelled 4 years ago to refrain from attendance, and Represcutative Caldwell, of Cincinnati, as roxy for Foraker, was not restrictive upon s sincere convictions being announce There has been to-day a wholesale debate over the final crystallization of the antion movement, and while naturally a majority of the office-holding populatio assert the certainty of the Presiden't easy conquest at Minneapolis, ret more sagacious politicians now confess nminent danger from the liability to lose

Southern delegates by purchase. There is no doubt that the opposition to the President is fomented by anti-Cleveland men, for the argument is employed that if Harrison be dumped at Minneapolis, Cleve-

promptitude that will outspeed an ocean Blaine Tendered the Antis' Support.

A special from New York says: Every saled through the uptown hotels to-night Antious for news from the conference of Republicans at Washington, Saturday. The news was to the effect that the Republimus antagonistic to the President had called upon Mr. Blaine and announced to him that he could have the nomination at Minneapolis if he said the word; otherwould be offered to some other Republican than the President. In the event the President's renomination, there will e a serious complication in the organizaion of the New York Republican State committee. It was announced to-night that the Chairman of the new Republican State Committee and the Ex-Committee of that body will be selected until the choice of the olis convention is made. Should President be renominated, Chairman Revokfield and the present Executive Comthe will retire. The present State Comoffice, elected at the recent convention of its Republicans at Albany, must serve in any event. The difference would be that either Colonel Elliott F. Shepard, Colonel S. V. R. Croger, Colonel George Bliss, Cor-

will have to be Chairman WILL VOTE POR HAPRISON

is N. Bliss or George A. Peabody, Jr.,

West Virginia Delegates Consider They Are Under Instructions.

WHEELING, W. VA., May 8 .- Many false reports have gone out concerning the Kepub-lican State Convention held at Martinsburg list week. Commenting on published re-ports concerning the attitude of the West Wignish deligation to Minneapolis, Charles
Burdett Hart, one of the delegates at large,

said to-day that the delegation is unques tionably for Harrison. He said: "The delegates were not instructed, because that was not necessary. The indorsement of the resident is as strong as language can mak it, represents the sentiment of the party in this State, and may be accepted as suf-ficiently indicating West Virginia's vote in the convention.

the convention.

"The fact is that the resolution of indorsement adopted by the convention also congratulates President Harrison on the propect of his renomination and re-election."

SENATOR STANFORD TO RESIGN If the Legislature in California Is Retained

by the Republicans.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 8 .- [Special.]-The Exominer prints a story, apparently well au-thenticated, that Senator Stanford will resign early next year, should a Republican Legislature be elected this fall in California. He told several intimate friends of his determination before he went East, and said this would be done whether the Carls-bad waters helped him or not. Incipient apoplexy threatens Mr. Stanford, and his physicians have warned him that absolute rest and freedom from excitement

and his physicians have warned him that absolute rest and freedom from excitement are imperative in his present condition. His mind is clear, but he is in an exceptionally nervous state, with unnatural facial redness, and has much difficulty in walking about, even indoors. Mrs. Stanford is much worried in consequence, and thinks that he can prolong his life by retiring from public life altogether, and living quietly at Palo Alto. The Senator himself is much worried at the result of the diagnosis by his physicians, and for this reason is going to Carlsbad this summer, in the hope that he will get immediate relief from his present difficulty. Another thing which his friends say has induced him to deedde to resign the senatorship is the disappolument of his political ambition. He really hoped to be a candidate for the Presidency, and he attributed his failure to the ridicule and abuse heaped upon him by Huntington and his friends when the change was made in the Southern Pacific Presidency. If he resigns there will be a lively skirmish among California politicians for the place, with the chances in favor of Editor De Young or Senator Felton.

HAS BUT ONE CANDIDATE.

An Ohio Senator Who Won't Think of Any-

one Except Cleveland, Youngsrown, May 8.-State Senator An-hony Howells, of Massillon, was here today. Upon being interviewed regarding his Presidental preference, he said: "I am for Cleveland as against anyone who has been suggested. He gave us four years of clean successful administration, that was a credit not only to the Democratic party, but to the entire country, and many Republicans now appreciate this fact. Mr. Cleveland possesses elements of strength that are contained in none of the aspirants for the leadership of none of the aspirants for the leadership of the party in 1892. He possesses a snotless reputation that contact with public life has not tarnished in the slightest degree, and has been tried in the crucible of public opinion and not found lacking in the essentials necessary to a successful administration of national affairs. He is strong in every section of the country, and in my opinion the party will make no mistake in giving him the first place on the Presidental ticket."

"Who is your choice for Congressman in this district?"

"As to that I do not care to say until I

this district?"

"As to that I do not care to say until I know definitely whether Congressman Warwick desires a renomination or not. If he wishes a second term he should have it, and receive the nomination by acclamation."

"Would you accept the nomination?"

"Well, I have been treated very generously by the party, and they might think I have had enough."

COLONEL POORMAN IN LUCK.

He Captures Belmont County, Ohio, Almost Solidly for Congress. ST. CLAIRSVILLE, O., May 8 .- [Special.]-The only primaries of the Sixteenth district were held in this (Belmont county) yesterday. Returns were late coming in, but today it is known that Colonel C. L. Poorman has 51 out of a possible 63 delegates, and possibly more, Both Colonel Poorman and Sen-ator Nichols are of this county, and, according to the agreement entered into by them before they began the Congressional con-test, Poorman, having the majority of the delegates, will have the solid support of the entire 63 votes at the Steubenville Conven-

entire 63 votes at the Steubenville Conven-tion on the 24th of this month. Thus but 24 more votes will be required for Poorman to secure the prize.

The contest promises to be very exciting, however. Harrison county, also of the new Stateenth district, with its 26 votes, will pre-sent the name of General Hollingsworth; Jefferson, with 47 votes, will present the name of ex-Lieutenant, Governor Richards. name of ex-Lieutenant Governor Richards, of Steabenville: Carroll, with 26 votes, will present the name of Senator Eckley, while Monroe, with its 14 votes may also have a candidate. It is possible these counties ma unite on another than the Belmont count candidate.

DEMOCRATS GETTING TOGETHER.

The Two Factions in Louisiana Agree to Consolidate Again.

New Orleans, May 8 .- [Special.] - An understanding has finally been reached that will establish harmony between the two factions of the Democratic party and rennite them There are now two Democratic parties in Louisiana, each claiming to be the only Committee, and each proposed to call a Committee, and each proposed to call a State convention and elect delegates to the Presidental convention at Chicago. The contest over the United States Senstorship, which has divided the factions on new lines, has brought the leaders together, and a plan has finally been reached by which a new State Central Committee will be divided equally between the two old ones. These will proceed to reorganize the party, and will call a single convention and send a single delegation to the National Convention. National Convention.

There will, of course, be only one Demo cratic ticket in the field, whereas a month ago two seemed certain. All the points have been agreed to, and the split in the Democratic ranks will be healed in a few

HUSTLING FOR A SENATE SEAT. General Gibson Has Plenty of Opposition

Bis Re-Election. NEW ORLEANS, May 8 - [Special 1- A no candidate for the United States Senate has entered the field in the person of S. Adams, as the representative of dropped at Chicago with a the Farmers' Alliance. Adams is President of the Louisiana State Alliance, and was nominated by it for Governor, but retired in favor of Foster, who was nominated and elected, Ad-

> are 40 Alliance members of the Legislatur enough to elect him, and he will advocat the theories of the order before the United States Senate. The Alliance memb wote together in the Legislature on all in portant questions.
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> The new candidates are the present Sens The new candidates are the present sena-tor, General R. L. Gibson, ex-Senator B. F. Jonas, and Don Caffrey, brother-in-law of Governor-elect Foster, and who expects to have the State patronage to help him in the contest. The chances favor Gibson, with Caffrey second on the list.

ams being elected Secretary of State on the same ticket. He claims that there

People's Party Refuses to Fuse.

LITTLE ROCE, ARK., May 8 .- The State Cen tral Committee of the People's party of Arkansas has adopted the following: "Resolved. That we recommend to our people that they refrain from any fusion or combination with other political parties, and that they make a straight contest on the basis of our principles as set forth."

Working in Iowa for Boics.

CHICAGO, May 8 .- Special dispatches from several points in Iowa state that delegates elected in district conventions have been instructed to vote only for delegates State Convention who will pledge selves to work for the nomination o ernor Boles for President.

Ingalis to Work for the Nominees. Archison, Kan., May 8.-Ex-Senator John J. Ingails will make his European tour directly after the Minneapolis convention. He says he will return in time to participate in the Presidental campaign.

Two More Votes for Harrison, Malden, Mo., May 8 .- William Regardardt and M. B. Claude have been selected deleA GIGANTIC CONSPIRACY.

THE WEST SHORE RAILBOAD BEATEN OUT OF A FORTUNE.

At Least Fifty Arrests Expected by This Evening-Empty Mileage Ticket Books Sold Over and Over Again and Used by Each Purchaser.

NEWBURG, N. Y., May 8 .- [Special.]-Nothing which has happened here in years has so stirred up this town as the arrest on Saturday of Saloonkeeper Michael Horton, Thomas Gillooly, and John J. Pender, on a charge of defrauding the West Shore Railroad Company. Pender has only lived here about six weeks. It has been an open secret for months past that the men were defrauding the railroad, and that the conductors on the line were sharing the proceeds.

The loss of the railroad company is said The loss of the railroad company is said to aggregate many thousands of dollars, as the swindle has been carried on for over a year. The scheme of the men was to use reduced rate ticket book covers. The conductors, instead of turning the books in with the last ticket, handed them over to their confederates, who resold them to passengers. Some books were sold over and over again.

One man rode from Newburg to Albany on an empty mileage book which he purchased in this place for \$2. Another man paid \$2.50 for the outside cover of a reduced-rate ticket book, which had not a ticket in it, and rode on it from here to Buffalo, a distance of almost 400 miles.

The three men were arraigned before Recorder McCroskrey and admitted to bail in the sum of \$1,000 each. Horton and Gillooly were very nervous at their hearing, but Pender was flippant and cool as a cucumber. The suspicion is that he is a Pinkerton man and came here for the express purpose of getting into the confidence of Horton and Gillooly and then betraving them.

of Horton and Gillooly and then betraying them.

It is said that the corruption extends to every city of any size on the West Shore Railroad. The road authorities say that no less than 50 men will be in custody by to-morrow night, all of them business men on the line of the railroad, who have been making money on the outside by doing a scalper business. It is said that every conductor on the road has been sharing in the proceeds of the conspiracy, and that every one will be arrested.

THE ACTORS' FUND FAIR PROFITS. They Will Amount to About \$170,000, Ac-

cording to Mr. Palmer. New York, May 8 .- [Special, 1-Just as soon as the Actors' Fund Fair was over last night, the work of demolition was begun, and almost in a trice the miniature city was in ruins. By 2 o'clock this morning the countless articles that were there for sale or for decoration had been removed to the restaurant in the Madison Square Garden building, and all day had been removed to the restaurant in the Madison Square Garden buildin; and all day to-day men were engaged in sorting the goods and putting everything in readiness for the sale that is to take place this week. Mr. A. M. Palmer reckoned the total receipts to-day at \$181,000 and the expenses at \$20,000. It is thought that \$10,000 may also be realized on articles yet to be sold.

Said Mr. Palmer: "The Actors' Fund already amounted to \$50,000, and with what we have realized from the fair it will amount to a round \$200,000. We want to wait until the fund reaches \$350,000, and then we shall establish a modest orphanage, which shall also be a home. Then if an actress is left with three or four small children, and obliged to travel from Maine to California, she can have the privilege of leaving her children at the home during her absence, and feel at ease."

TRIED TO MURDER A GIRL

An Iowa Lawyer's Revenge for Being

Jilted by a Wilkesbarre Lady. WILKESBARRE, May 8. - [Special.] - The queer antics of a wealthy Iowa lawyer are puzzling the police and detectives of this city. Miss Ethel Johnson, daughter of ex-County Treasurer Johnson, resides with her mother in the fashionable part of the city.
A year ago she went to Iowa, where the met the wealthy lawyer in question. The Iowan proposed marriage, but was rejected. Miss Johnson returned home, and since then she has been subjected to all kinds of petty an-novances. The Western lawyer came to

novances. The Western lawyer came to Wilkesbarre, wrote anonymous letters to the young lady, and, disguised as a woman, followed her on the street.

Friday evening, while Miss Johnson was alone in the house, the man, disguised as a woman book agent, attempted to assassinate her. Her violent screams brought assistance, but the man escaped. His name is said to be Leonard Harris. To-night the Johnson family offer \$500 reward for the man's capture.

POISONED BY AN ENEMY.

A Young Johnstown Man Takes a Glass o

Beer That Lays Him Out. Johnstown, May 8 .- [Special.] -- Edward Benner, a young man, is lying seriously ill at the Memorial Hospital as a result of a nysterious poisoning. A vain attempt has been made to keep the matter quiet. He boards at the home of a friend, George Trent, and yesterday morning he was found by Mrs. Trent lying unconscious on the the pains in his stomach, but becoming no the pains in his stomach, but becoming no better a physician was called, to whom he said he had been downtown the night before and had taken a few glasses of beer, though he was by no means intoxicated. Benner said some one had put the stuff in the beer. The young man suspects an enemy of his, whose name he will not divulge. It is hinted a love affair is at the bettern of the trouble.

A CONFEDERATE STATESMAN DRAD.

Hon. A. R. Boteler, Ex-Member of Congress Passes Away in West Virginia, WHEELING, May 8.-Hon. A. R. Boteler died at his home in Shepherdstown to-day, aged 77. Colonel Boteler was a member of the Thirty-sixth Congress, and came within He works of being Speaker.

He was on Stonewall Jackson's staff and a member of the Confederate Congress; was a member of the Tariff Commission appointed by President Arthur, and was Pardon Clerk during Attorney General Brewster's reign in the Department of Justice.

THE LATEST DYNAMITE OUTRAGE.

The Dwelling of a Hungarian Notary Scalped for Revenge,

VIENNA, May 8 .- The residence of a district otary named Papp, in Versecz, Hungary, was wrecked to-day by a dynamite explos was wrecked to-day by a dynamite explos-ion. The roof of the dwelling was blown bodily into the air and the windows of all buildings in its vicinity were shattered. It is supposed the motive of the perpetrator or perpetrators was revenge. A Roumanian has been arrested on suspicion of being con-nected with the affair.

Chances of the River and Harbor Bill. WASHINGTON, May 8 .- [Special.] - Chairman Slanchard, of the River and Harbor Com mittee, has announced that in order to in sure the prompt passage of the pending bill he will withdraw the amendment empower ing the Secretary of War to continue wor on improvements when contract bids are rejected. The general sentiment is that the House will pass the bill without substantial change. It is stated that Mr. Outhwaite will attempt to have a horizontal reduction of 25 per cent made on each item of the

Contract Miners for Pennsylvania NEW YORK, May 8 .- Five immigrants from the province of Lithuanieon, in Russia, ar-rived here to-day on the steamer Wieland. They are detained at Ellis Island under the contract labor law. They had been engaged to work in the coal mines at Kingston, Pa.,

Matto Grosso an Easy Conquest. MONTEVIDEO, May 7 .- The Brazilian river quadron, en route to the State of Grosso, has arrived here. It is alleged that the revolutionists there are completely de-moralized, and their troops have refused to fight against the Government forces.

A London Fire Horror. LONDON, May 8 .- Scott's oyster bar, in Coventry street, was burned to-night. Four have been taken from the ruins, and it is feared there are more under the debris. PITTSBURG. MONDAY, MAY 9.

By the Thought That the Reading

ABBETT IS AROUSED

Deal May Be Legal After All.

HE TURNS UP HIS COAT SLEEVES And Instructs His Attorney General to Test

the Matter at Once.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.] TRENTON, May 8. -Governor Abbett now has his sleeves turned up to prevent the consummation of the Reading deal. His purpose to call an extra session of the Legislature has been abandoned in favor of a plan to knock the bottom out of the big cheme by simply having the courts declare the recent lease of the Jersey Central to the Port Reading invalid. Control of the former corporation is necessary to the success of the President McLeod project, and, if the tie between these roads is severed, the deal must necessarily come to naught. The authorities of this State hold the Port Reading to be a corporation on paper

only, created recently for purpose of facilitating the Reading combine. The law of New Jersey prohibits the leasing of its corporations to foreign corporations, and the Central, to get into the deal, which was really planned several years ago, had itself leased to the Port Reading, a company con-trolled by the magnates of the Reading and Lackawanna, and yet so insignificant that it has never made any returns for taxation to the State Board of Assessors, as by law all railroads are bound to do.

An Invasion and Fraud Claimed. Now Governor Abbett has instructed Atorney General Stockton to file a bill in the Court of Chancery setting up the lease of the Central to the Port Reading, and charg-

Court of Chancery setting up the lease of the Central to the Port Reading, and charging that the lease is an invasion and fraud on the law forbidding leasing to foreign corporations or non-resident owners, and praying for an order decreeing the lease to be invalid and directing its cancelation.

The present railroad law was passed in 1885, the second year of Governor Abbett's first term. The State found it so difficult to collect the taxes due from foreign corporations, owing to their habit of appealing to the United States Supreme Court and involving our authorities in long, vexatious and expensive litigations, that Governor Abbett caused to be enacted a law forbidding companies incorporated here to lease their roads to foreigners, unless the consent of the Legislature of New Jersey was first obtained thereto.

The act in question further provided that if any company in this State should desire to execute such a lease, it should submit a draft of the proposed lease to the Legislature, for its consideration, and no such lease should be of any effect whatever until approved by an act of the Legislature, nor unless the corporations should file an agreement to be approved by the Governor and Attorney General, surrendering all rights of exemption from taxation.

A Change From the Former Law.

A Change From the Former Law This law prevented appeals to the United States Courts, and constrained existing cor porations to fight out their battles with the anthorities of New Jersey in this State. anthorities of New Jersey in this State. Such being the state of the law, it was impossible for the Central to lease direct to the Reading, which is a foreign corporation, hence the Port Reading was incorporated and the Central leased to it as if acting within the general stockton is now preparing the papers, and in the course of a few days will have them ready for filing. The prospect is for the biggest railroad war ever fought in this State, which has been the scene of so many grey railroad struggles. The Port Reading all Contend that it as much a railroad corporation as the Reading or Pennsylvania, and the Reading and Lackawansa will open their coffers to help it sustain its claim.

MINERS TO TAKE A HAND,

They Say Wages Must Be Reduced or th Price of Coal Raised 40 Per Cent.

WILKESBARRE, May 8 .- Murmurings of dis outent among the miners of the Wyoming alley since consummation of the Reading leal are increasing, and an organized efforis being made by the miners to resist. John Shadrack, one of the most prominent labor leaders in the anthracite region, said this evening that the spirit of unrest was among the working men. "They have waited patiently," he continued "for some bons fide action by the State Goy "for some bons fide action by the State Gov-ernment looking to the enforcement of the Constitution against the combine, but have become disgusted at the evident insincerity of those in a position to bring the combine to terms. Now they propose to take the matter in their own hands. The men claim that in order to pay the guarantee given by the Reading, one of two things must be done: The price of coal must be advanced 40 cents a ton or the wages of the miners reduced 10 per cent. They cannot see how it is possible to advance the coal in the market, and they conclude that the only alternative left is a conclude that the only alternative left is a reduction of their wages to the starving

point.
"This week no less than four delegation of miners from different sections of the coa field waited upon me in order that the business men who are dependent upon the ness men who are dependent upon the miners for their prosperity might be induced to stand by the working men in their fight against the combine. It is the universal opinion that the retrenchment already inaugurated by the Reading will bear heavily upon the miners, and for the sake of their homes and their little ones the men are determined that the Constitution shall be obeyed, or serious trouble will follow."

A FAKE GRAND JURY.

Two Men on It Falsely Personating Well Known Politicians.

PHILADELPHIA, May 8.-[Special 1-Sitting now as members of the grand jury are two men falsely personating two well-known and respectable Thirty-fourth ward taxpayers. Similar personations have been sfully carried through in the past without exposure. Further revelations are yet to be made. It is impossible to tel at present to what extent the most infamous attack upon the integrity of the jury sys-tem has been curried, nor can it yet be de-cided what effect the fraud may have upon all the criminal indictments found during the present term of the Court of Quarte

Sessions.

Michael McReown, one of Sheriff Connell's summons servers, is most seriously involved. The inception of the fraud in the particular cases disclosed is directly traced to him by unimpeachable testimony. The men personated in the present grand Jury are Frank Hoffner, a well-to-do trucker, and William J. Bradley, a timekeeper in Baldwin's Locomotive Works. CORNERING KENTUCKY WHISKY.

An English Syndicate Negotiating for Con

plete Control of the Bourbon. New York, May 8 .- A deal is about to h consummated which will give an English syndicate complete control of most of the ourbon whisky made in Kentucky. Nathan Hoffheimer, a well-known New York whisks speculator, returned from England two weeks ago, where he has been for several weeks ago, where he has been for several months conferring with London and Liver-pool capitalists. He then went to Louis-ville, where he is negotiating the deal and securing options on all the great whisky plants in the State. The deal represents an investment of between \$6,000,000 and \$7,000,-

000.

The headquarters of the syndicate will be in New York and Louisville. It is expected the syndicate will be able to take control and begin operations at the opening of the next distilling season, about October I.

THE COMING UNIVERSITY.

It Will Be Open to College Graduate Only, as Explained by Bishop Hurst. OMAHA, May 8 .- "The American University" and "Christian Education" were the pre valling themes at the mass meeting at Expo sition Hall this afternoon. Notwithstand ing the forbidding weather there was an udience of over 25,000 people present. All the addresses were with reference to the proposed great university at Washington, which will be open only to college graduates and the doors of which are not to be thrown open until an endowment fund of \$5,60,000 has been secured. The nature of the scheme was set forth by Bishop Hurst, who presided.

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A resolution was adopted, asking the bishops to designate October 16 as Columbian Dav, when subscriptions will be taken for the American University. The question will come before the General Conference for definite action some time during the present month.

RUNNING THE GAUNTLET.

THE MINERS ALSO TO TAKE A HAND A Number of Free Silver Senators Trying to Down Whitelaw Reid's Successor-Mr. |Coolidge Is Too Much of a Gold Bug to Suit Some of Them.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—[Special.]—A de-ermined effort is being made by a number

of Senators to defeat the confirmation of Jefferson Coolidge, of Boston, as Minister to France. Senators Morgan, Teller and Stewart are the leaders of the opposition. They have discovered that Mr. Coolidge Stewart are the leaders of the opposition. They have discovered that Mr. Coolidge is a monometallist and a gold bug, and that it would therefore be an indelicate thing to send him as American Minister to a country that favors the bi-metallic standard, and would moreover, for the same reason, retard the efforts which the United States Government is making to arrange an international monetary conference.

During the sessions of the late Pan-American congress Mr. Coolidge attacked as ridiculous a proposition made by M. M. Estee, of California, for the coinage of an international silver dollar for use only in the North and South American countries. The speech of Mr. Coolidge has been dug up by the free coinage Senators, and they have succeeded in getting together a somewhat formidable opposition, composed chiefly of silver and anti-Harrison Senators.

The nomination of Mr. Coolidge has already been acted upon favorably by the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Senators Gray and Butler voting with their Republican colleagues on the committee for confirmation. The fight of the opposition, therefore, will be made in the Senate, perhaps to-morrow. The chances are that they will be beaten and the nomination eventually confirmed.

PRITTS CAN'T BE FOUND,

Officers Capture a Moonshine Pal After Finding a Mysterious Trap Door.

SOMERSET, May 8.—[Sneetal.]—Sheriff Good and party returned this morning after a fruitless search for the murderer, Bill Pritts, although they captured a member of the moonshine organization who had concealed him, and brought him to jail. The prison-er's name is Wilson Garry, and he had a cozy little bedroom fitted up in the cellar of his house, admission to which was only to be house, admission to which was only to be had through a trap door opening into a bedroom occupied by himself and wife. When the officers detected the trap door and gained admission to the bedroom, Garry admitted he had entertained Pritts for a few days, but claimed that he had not been at his house during the past week.

The officers then went to Pritts' home, hoping to find him there, but his wife said he had not been home since the murder. There is no longer any doubt that Pritts is hiding in the mountains around his house, and that he is being concealed by members of the moonshine band.

AN EXPOSURE RESENTED.

Vic Woodhull and Tennie C. Claffin in Pretty Bad Row.

CHICAGO, May 8 .- Victoria Woodbull-Martin and Tennie Claffin-Cook have begun a libel suit for \$100,000 against the Evening Mail and Joseph R. Dunlap, fts publisher. The paper devoted a page to a review of the careers of the women and denounced them in the most severe language. Indictments found as long ago as 1884, in Ottawa, Ill., against Tennie C. Claffin were published.

The paper says the present tour of the women is to pose before London society as bleaders of women in America. The hubands are denounced as blind, infatuated men, and the paper hopes the issue it has made will be brought into court at once. A score of interviews into court at once. A score of interviews with old citizens of Ottawa are printed, all showing that the women were of dubious reputation B years ago. The paper is keeping up the attack, and the last issue editorially reiterates the charges, and nitches

terates the charges, and pitches combination in a manner as vigor-A PASTOR SUES HIS OWN CHURCH,

Gets an Execution and Has the Sacred Edi-

fice Seized by the Sheriff. PHILADELPHIA, May 8 .- The Mount Vernon Baptist Church, in Camden, was seized by the pastor, Rev. J. D. Elansburg, for \$3,728 The church property is said to be worth The congregation was formerly one of the

strongest in the city, but, owing to internal dissensions, the membership dwindled down so that the church was no longer self-sustaining, and the basement had to be rented out as a shoe factory. Pastor Elans burg's claim is for money advanced to rur the church.

NO SPRING WATER FOR THE FAIR.

Wankesha, Wis., Forcibly Objects to Laying of the Pipe Line. MILWAUKEE, May 8.—The efforts of the Chicago Pipe Line Company to lay its pipes in Wankesha to-day to draw the water from the springs to Chicago for World's Fair purposes was a failure, citizens resisting the attempt so vigorously that the company withdrew its force of men and abandone Wauke-ha people object to the pipe line on the ground that it would take away much of the summer resort patronage anticipated

ARCHBISHOP IRELAND AHEAD.

Two of His Missions to Rome About to Be Crowned With Success. RMOE, May 8 .- The Vatican is preparing a negative reply to the petition of foreign Catholics in America for National priests. The Vatican argues that the Irish, although very numerous in America, have never made a similar demand. It is stated the Pope will send an address later to the American episcopacy, approving Archbishop Ireland's education policy.

STARVED IN A FREIGHT CAR.

The Fate of a Veteran From a Home on a Furlough, PHILADELPHIA. May 8 .- Frederick Leitz who arrived Friday at the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad depot in a freight car, suffering from a 36 hours' enforced fast, died yesterday at the Philadelphia Hospital.

Leitz was on furlough from the Soldiers'
Home, Hampton, Va., and though the doctors
tried to revive him with stimulants, he remained almost speechless till the end.

Murder Outs After Five Years, HARRISBURG, May 8.—Joseph Keyes, who five years ago murdered his wife at Browns-Chambersburg, was to-day cap tured by Shippensburg officers near the scene of his crime. Keyes was identified by two colored men who talked with him be-fore the murder was committed. He is a desperate character, and is said to have killed a woman in Maryland about one year

A Fatal Riot at Altoons. ALTOONA, May 8.—This afternoon a riot was started among the Italians, and for half an hour a general fight raged, knives and clubs being freely used. Joe Partre went into the crowd to quell the disturbance, when he was instantly killed by a brick which broke his neck. No one was seen throwing the missile, and the Coroner's jury was unable to reach any decision.

Worse Than the California Earthquake. SAN FRANCISCO, May 8.-Further accounts of the recent earthquake at Manilla show

MIRACLES IN A RELIC.

Such a Continued Demand in New York for the Ste. Anna Remnant

IT WILL STAY TWO DAYS LONGER.

Three Miracles Reported to Have Been Worked by It Yesterday.

AT LEAST 15,000 PEOPLE ATTRACTED

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.] NEW YORK, May 8.-Mgr. Marquis has consented to stay in New York two days longer than he announced, and to let the relic of Ste. Anna be exposed in the little church of St. Jean Baptiste until Wednesday noon. As Mgr. Bernard O'Reilly announced to-night, this extending of the term was brought about by the intense religious excitement which the exposing of the relic has aroused, not only among the Catholies of New York, but of all this re-

The Quebec Catholics have shown signs of some perturbation because of Mgr. Marquis' delay in New York, and the Canadian archbishop has sent a telegram asking



THE VENERATED RELIC when Mgr. Marquis is coming. As Mgr. Marquis is a man of great fixedness of purpose, Father Tebeau was almost persuaded that his pleadings were in vain, but when Mgr. Marquis learned that three miracles had been performed, and when dispatches began to come in saying that people were coming from Philadelphia and from places even more distant, Mgr. Marquis lent a

favorable ear to the entreaties of the pastor and of Mgr. O'Reilly. Scenes Unprecedented. To-day saw scenes in and around that little church of St. Jean Baptiste that were un-precedented in this country. Those who went past Seventy-sixth street to-day out of curiosity were amazed at the great throngs, at the strange and fervent expressions on the faces of those waiting outside, and at the amazing display of faith and veneration within where the relic was to be seen. Early this morning the crowd began to gather, and when mass began the church was packed until motion in it was impossible, while thousands were in the streets, restrained from pushing into the church by a dozen policemen guarding the doors and ranged along the sidewalk. Mgr. Bernard O'Reilly preached upon miracles and relice, and gave a history of the relic now in evidence. His sermon was in French, which he speaks fluently and without accent.

After the sermon the relic was exposed, and until 6 o'clock the glass cover was pressed by eager lips as rapidly as the priest who sat at the edge of the chancel could lift it. The police arranged inatters so that the church doors were open until all those inside had passed out again. The church was filled and emptied about 190 times before 6 o'clock. Those who came out went away immediately, but the crowd of waiters increased instead of diminishing.

Fifteen Thousand Visit the Reile. sible, while thousands were in the streets

Fifteen Thousand Visit the Relic. It is estimated that about 15,000 person

were in and around the church at different times during the day. Many of these were women, but a very large proportion were men. Some came from a considerable dis tance. A few were from Philadelphia and from the western parts of this State. Tickets were raised and sold at \$1 apiece y Father Tebeau for the evening service even this price did not diminish the num-Even this price did not diminish the number of those who were eager to enter, and when Mgr. O'Reilly arose to preach in English the pews were filled, and also the aisles, down to the doors.

Mgr. O'Reilly gave a very eloquent account of the relic. He said that immediately after the crucifixion there was a violent persecution of all who had followed Jesus, and especially of all who were related to Him. Even the dead were not safe. And as the body of Ste. Anna, the mother of the Virgin, was the most precious body of all, it was taken away for safety. It was carefully guarded and brought to Constantinople, and from there to Apt, where it is now buried in the great Cathedral there. The Popes ordered an arm to be taken from this body, and that was taken to Rome. From this arm came the relic.

ame the relic. Proof in the Relie's Miracles, "The proof that this is a part of the body of Ste. Anna," said Mgr. O'Reilly, "is the fact that miracles are performed through it. Since it has been here no less than three niracles have been performed. A deaf man has been restored to hearing, a young gir has been restored to hearing, a young girl has been cured of the palsy, and the third miracle I will not mention, because the person who experienced it is here."

The words created the greatest excitement in the church, as the inces of the people and the eager way in which they bent forward witnessed, and when Mgr. O'Reilly said: "Think of it! We have here a part of the body of the grandmother of God, flesh of His flesh and bone of His bone," the excitement was shown by audible the excitement was shown by audible murmurs and by an uneasy rustling that ran again and again through the church. Mgr. O'Reilly then said: "I will bless you with this relic," and he took it in his hands and held it up. The whole it in his hands and held it up. The whole congregation fell on their knees, and many of the older men and women wept. Mrr. O'Reilly called upon the Saint to bless them all in their journey through life, to keen them safely and to intercede for them. From the close of the evening service until 0 o'clock the crowds poured past the altar, venerated the relic and lighted candles to St. Anna. A policeman stood to the right of the priest who held the relic, and directed the movement of the crowd. When the relic was taken away for the night, many hundred people had been unable to get in. The relic will be exposed again to-morrow morning at 6 o'clock and until 10 o'clock tomorning at 6 o'clock and until 10 o'clock to-morrow night and during the same hours Tuesday and until noon Wednesday.

STRIKES PLENTY IN NEW YORK

The Board of Walking Delegates Having Its Hands Full.

New York, May 8 .- [Special]-The Board of Walking Delegates is now proceeding against Contractor David H. King, Jr., and a strike of 500 men has been ordered on one block and two half-blocks of buildings at One Hundred and Thirty-eighth and One Hundred and Thirty-ninth streets, between Sixth and Seventh avenues. The strike is to be extended by of the recent earthquake at Manilin show there was considerable damage done throughout the land. In some towns all the churches and coileges were destroyed.

Ground Quaking at San Bemo.

PARIS, May 8.—Two slight earthquake shocks were felt at San Remo this morning. The shocks caused no damage or alarm.

The strike is to be extended by ordering out the men on the new Delaware and Lackawanna offices at William street and Exchange place, and on the Metropolitan Club building, where Mr. King has contracts. The strike is on account of the use of iron work from non-union shops. In the case of the buildings at One Hundred and Thirty-elighth and One Hundred and Thirty-ninth streets it is stated that the strike is ordered because the iron work is made by a non-union firm. A committee visited Mr. King, and reported that he had a contract with a firm for the material, but would not order any more from the firm. Some of the delegates think this strike hasty, and it will be investigated to morrow.

Fitty men will be ordered to strike tomorrow on a big house which is being reconstructed at Thirteenth street and Fifth avenue. The strike is against the Florida Steam Heater Company, which is putting in heaters, and it is said to be a non-union concern.

VAST INLAND SEAS

FORMED IN THE WEST BY THE PRES ENT GREAT DELUGE.

KANSAS CITY, May 8.—The past 24 hours

Waves Loll So High as to Threaten Bridges and No Measurement Can Be Taken-Dead Stock by the Hundreds Floating is

have furnished the climax for all the rainy weather of this spring. A heavy downpour of water has been falling all day and since midnight last night, so that the already soaked ground has been giving off the water ip 'e swollen creeks and streams. The hat accounts of floods have been from all over Western and Eastern and Many towns have been flooded. The fit of suddenly in some dis-

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A dispatch from Ft. Wayne, Ind., says: A dispatch from Ft. Wayne, Ind., says: Reports of extensive devastation by the waters of the St. Joseph, St. Mary and Maumee rivers continue to come in. Down stream it is no uncommon sight to see dead cows floating by with the drift. No human lives were lost, as the rise of the waters has been gradual, giving all a chance to escape. Thousands of people to-day visited the inundated districts surrounding Peoria, Ili. The Illinois river is still a raging torrent, with a roar that can be heard for a long distance. The water is so rough that no measurement can be made now. Waves are rolling high, and the greatest danger is to be feared. The strong wind which prevails is dashing the water so furiously against the bank that many bridges are liable to be washed out.

SMALLPOX BROUGHT FROM CHINA. The City of Pekin Arrives Flying the Dread

Yellow Flag. SAN FRANCISCO, May 8.-[Special.]-The steamer City of Pekin arrived to-day from Sam Francisco, May S.—[Special.]—The steamer City of Pekin arrived to-day from China with a yellow flag flying, smallpox having been discovered among 1,000 Chinese on board just as the vessel was leaving Yokohama harbor. One sick Chinamen was found and promptly transferred to the shore. Eight hundred of the Chinese were destined for Honolulu, but were brought here direct. Only one case of varioloid was developed on the voyage.

The news from China shows that villainous anti-foreign placards made their appearance again on the walls of Kahding, 30 miles from Shanghai. Some were torn down at Shanghai, with the result that a larger number were put up. Christians there have been warned they are to be driven out, and people, when asked whence the placards came, replied that they came from Shanghai. Shanghai authorlities ordered the placards torn down, and warned the Kahding mandarin not to allow them to appear again. The Japanese steamer Itouma Maru was cast away during the adaly of the coast of Korea, with only the captain and tweive people saved, while 50 others, including three Japanese avail officers were lost. The steamer was officered and manned by two of the Galed to the situation by two of the oldest lodges in the State going out of existence, leaving unprovided for a number of incurably sick members who were dependent upon their weekly benefits, and old men whose age prohibited their admission to any other lodge. Inquiry showed that other lodges were on the verge of the same catastrophe. The 50 oldest lodges of the State accordingly got together and started an investigation of the whole matter.

The revelation of the same catastrophe. The 50 oldest lodges was appalling. One lodge in the various lodges was appalling. One of the mis city, with 170 members, had paid in ten years t

The steamer was officered and manned by Japanese, and it was understood no foreigners were among the passengers lost CONFEDERATES WANT PENSIONS

three Japanese naval officers were lost.

ecause They Have Cut Themselves Of

From Lottery Benefits. NEW ORLEANS, May 8 .- [Special.]-A meet ing of Confederate veterans held in this city s determined to apply to the Legislature which meets in Baton Rouge to-morrow, for the passage of a pension law that will give all Confederate veterans, cripples, disabled or otherwise. Incapable of supporting themelves, a pension of from \$6 to \$12 a month.
The demand will probably be granted, and
will cost the State from \$50,000 to \$100,000 a

Year.
The lottery amendment defeated at the The lottery amendment defeated at the late election, gave the Confederate veterans \$50,000 pension a year, and \$5,000 for their home. Notwithstanding these provisions the veterans voted against the amendment and having refused the offer of the lottery to provide for them, they think the State ought to come to their assistance. The State to their assistance. The State votes a small sum annually for the support of a Confederate Soldiers' home, guarantees artificial limbs to crippled Con-federate veterans, and allows them to select

MISS CALDWELL VERY ILL

The Richest Unmarried Woman in America Has Typhold Fever. New York, May 8-[Special.]-Miss Mary Gwendolen Caldwell, who is reputed to be he wealthiest unmarried woman in Amerca, is very ill in this city with typhoid fever.

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It is thought the disease was caused by drinking the water of Florida, as Miss Caldwell has just returned from a winter residence in that State.

Miss Caldwell's fortune is estimated to be about \$10,000 000. She is a devout Catholic, having given liberally to Catholic University and endowed the Catholic University and endowed the Catholic University of \$500 000. in Washington to the extent of \$500,000. She has been decorated by the Pope with the Order of the Golden Rose. Miss Caldwell

TWO QUAKER CITY SUICIDES.

Cards Had Been Issued For the Wedding of One Next Thursday. PHILADELPHIA, May 8.-Two suicides oc curred here to-day. Samuel Snape, a drug clerk, whose home is in Newark, N. J., sho himself dead in his boarding house on North Seventeenth street, this morning, during the absence of the family at church. Cards had been issued for his wedding next Thursday with Miss Dabell, of Newark. The other unfortunate was an Eighth istrict policeman, Hollis Rogers, who has uffered much pain from recent illness. suffered much pain from recent illner He shot himself through the heart to-day his home on Canton street.

SIXTEEN INCHES OF SNOW.

Sebraska Weather Not Tropical, but Farm ers Are Still Smiling. RUSHVILLE, NEB., May 8 .- Snow has fallen ere during the past 38 hours to a depth of 6 inches. It will be severe on the cattle in About three-fourths of the small grain is in. and the first sown is up and looks fine.

Typhoid Fever Epidemic at South Fork. SOUTH FORK, May 8 .- [Special.]-Typhoid two deaths having occurred nere yesterday, while a number of other serious cases are reported. It is believed the sickness is due to impure water, and a sample of the well water used here has been sent to the State Board of Heaith for analysis.

A Pastor Converted to Catholicism,

MASON CITY, IA., May 8 .- Rev. Charles Lutz,

rector of St. John's Guild Episcopal, this city, has resigned, and announced that henceforth his allegiance would be with the Roman Catholic church. He has gone to Montreal to enter the order of St. Sulphice to study for the priesthood. A Thousand Horses Killed by Gnats.

LOUISVILLE, May 8 .- A report from Western Kentucky says that buffalo gnats are causing great loss. It is estimated that 1,000 horses have been killed by them. AN ORDER'S DILEMMA. Odd Fellows Obliged to Take Steps to Improve Their Finances.

THREE CENTS.

A MOST FORMIDABLE STATEMENT

Prepared for Presentation at the State Lodge Next Week.

SICK BENEFITS ARE FAR TOO PLENTY

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.] PHILADELPHIA, May 8.—A committee of prominent Odd Fellows of this city has completed, for submission to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at its annual session at Sunbury next week, a special report that is designed to work a revolution in the finances of the order. The committee has

spent the past year in the preparation of this formidable statement, collecting statis-tics from hundreds of lodges throughout the State, and from branches of the order in England and Australia. Harry L. Neall is chairman of the committee, and one of its most active members is Isaac A. Shephard, President of the Board of Education, Past Grand Master of the order, and Treasurer of the Supreme Grand Lodge of the United States. Grand Secretary James B. Nichol-

son has also devoted his time to the work. The trouble upon which the committee has been working is the most serious one that has ever confronted the order. Leading Odd Fellows who have given their attention to it make no secret of the fact that Odd Fellowship is at a crisis which threatens the existence of many prosperous lodges. A number of them in this city and elsewhere are now actually on the verge of

collapse. Trouble Due to Sick Benefits.

The trouble is due to the payment of sick enefits. There are thousands of incurables in the orders who are now and have bles in the orders who are now and have been for years drawing weekly benefits, with the result that many lodge treasuries have been drained, dues from members are inadequate to meet the situation, and some of the lodges are already swamped, the rem-edies proposed by the special committee ap-pearing to be the only resource for a num-ber of others that are threatened with early artificial.

extinction.

The craze for get-rich-quick and kindred benefit schemes of recent years is blamed largely for this situation in some of the lodges, which have been promising to pay out to beneficiaries more money than experience has shown they could afford. In such cases a proportionate raising of dues all around seems to be the only alternative to the surrender of charters, and the suggestion of increased payments naturally meets with considerable opposition.

Some Old Ledges Obliged to Onit.

Some Old Lodges Obliged to Quit. The attention of the Grand Ledge was first

or dues in England. It flourished for years, and piled up in its treasury a fund of \$44,000. Its members ridiculed my suggestions of possible embarrassment.

Retrenchment a Forced Issue. Of late years, however, the claims of memhere for sick benefits increased with such rapidity that the money in the treasury was exhausted, the lodge being compelled to retrench severely after 40 years of flourishing

existence. Odd Fellowship has been in existence in this country for 75 years. There are in this State 23 lodges over 60 years old, 20 between So and 60 years, 254 between 40 and 50, 75 between 30 and 40, 200 between 20 and 35, 292 between 30 and 20, and 250 under 10. All the old lodges have been compelled to reduce benefits to members or increase dues, and in some cases the charters have been surrendered. None of the lodges over 60 years old have been able to keep their original promises to members, being confronted with the alternatives of repudiation or greater domands on paying members.

Among 60,000 members there have been found to be about 62 memables. In one year thay have taken from their various lodges an aggregate of 27,963 weeks' benefits. Prior to that time they received 123,469 weeks' benefits. One member in this city has been drawing weekly sick benefits for over 30 years. More than 50 have received such benefits for over 12 years. The drain thus made upon lodge exchequers has proved more serious with each succeeding year.

One Way That Helps a Little. 50 and 60 years, 264 between 40 and 50, 75 be-

One Way That Helps a Little.

An example showing the exertions neces

sary to control the average sick rate by the introduction of new members to the order is given by the present special committee, In 1880 the order had become reduced to 76,369 members. From that time to 1890 there were introduced into the order 85,790 new members. The committee deciding incurable sickness to bean unjust burden upon a single lodge, hit upon a plan of forming a central relief tund, practically an organization by which the lodges may reinsure themselves, each agreeing to pay into the fundasum graded according to the actual present ages of the members. Classes of benefits are formed according to ages. 76,369 members. From that time to 1890 there

are formed according to ages.

The Central Relief Fund agrees to pay \$100 The Central Renel Fund agrees to pay such the reneral benefits and \$2 a week for sickness. To insure this each lodge pays into the fund each week for each member from 2½ cents according to ages. The committee argues that this is putting the order on as practical a basis as any insurance organization.

CAREY'S BODY FOUND.

The Mystery of the Death of the Partner of Banker Paige Being Solved, WHEELING, May 8 .- [Special]-A body, which, from the description, is probably that of D. M. Carey, of Paige, Carey & Co., who was drowned here in February, was caught

in the river at Clarington this evening. An inquest has just started. Telegraph offices all along the line are closed, and full particulars cannot be had before moraing.

FOR THE RELIEF OF PEARY. Steamer Chartered to Proceed to the Arctic Regions in June. PHILADELPHIA, May 8.-The Academy of

Natural Sciences has chartered the steamer Kile for the Peary relief expedition, and she will be placed in serviceable condition as as possible. ur thousand dollars has been subscribed soon as possible.

Four thousand dollars has been subscribed for the work, and \$6,000 more is needed; but pledges for this amount have been made conditionally, and the work will go on. The Kile is to sail June 10.

ISHPEMING, May 8 .- [Special.]-Mr. Charles

H. Kirkwood, a pioneer resident and promi-

nent business man, owning stores at Ne-gaunee and here, fell from the front platform of a rapidly moving electric car coming from Negaunee, last night. Both legs were cut off above the knee. Kirkwood was instantly killed. He leaves a family and a A Wife Elopes With a Woman

MANCHESTER, N. H., May 8.-The wife of J. Whiting, a restaurant keeper, has skipped with all her husband's available funds, some \$300. She left a note, stating that she would never return. It is thought she has fied to Europe with a female friend.