

MR. COMSTOCK IS IGNORED

Lexow Committee Say That His Case Is Not Within Their Province.

WILLIAMS AND HIS WEALTH

The Inspector Is Worth Only \$40,000. Easy Upon Captain Delaney--Mr. Martin a Frugal Citizen on a Salary of \$5,000 a Year.

STATE MUSIC TEACHERS.

Officers Elected at the Meeting of the Association in Harrisburg. By the United Press.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 28.--These officers were elected by the State Music Teachers' association today.

DUN'S GLANCE AT 1894.

Review of Trade Shows Encouraging Indications as Compared to 1893, Though Business Not Up to Previous Years.

New York, Dec. 28.--R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly review of trade will say:

Commercial failures in 1894 already reported to R. G. Dun & Co. number 14,282 against 15,242 last year, with liabilities of \$183,238,404 against \$246,779,889 last year.

The trading failures already number 11,341 against 11,512 last year, but liabilities are only \$87,899,067 against \$120,062,533 last year.

A recess was taken. After recess it was definitely announced by Chairman Lexow that the committee would sit tomorrow and then adjourn.

Captain John Delaney was then called, but after asking him a few questions, Mr. Goff said: "Captain Delaney, in respect to your dead wife I will ask you no more questions about that money, which you can't explain."

Captain Thomas M. Ryan took the stand. He denied he drew any money from the bank to pay his warden.

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THE PEACE COMMISSION

Ex-Secretary Foster to Aid the Chinese Plenipotentiaries.

CASE OF THE JAPANESE SPIES

Secretary Gresham Has Cabled Minister Denby to Demand Satisfaction of China For Breach of Faith--No Reply Has Been Received.

By the United Press.

Washington, Dec. 28.--The accuracy of the information contained in the Shanghai cablegram regarding Minister Denby's instructions in the case of the Japanese student spies is fully confirmed at the state department.

Promptly upon hearing of the butchery of the two students who had been turned over to Chinese officials for such punishment as might be accorded in civilized countries upon lawful conviction, Secretary Gresham cabled Minister Denby to demand satisfaction for the breach of faith.

No reply has yet been received, which, however, is not wondered at, considering the demoralized condition of the Peking government.

Berlin, Dec. 28.--The Cologne Gazette asserts that England and Germany have agreed for concerted action on the part of the British and German fleets in Chinese waters in the event of the arising of an emergency.

The Peace Commission. Shanghai, Dec. 28.--Peace Commissioner Chang-Yin-Huan, president of the board of revenue, and formerly minister at Washington, has left Tientsin for Che Foo, and is expected here on Jan. 5.

Washington, Dec. 28.--Ex-Secretary John W. Foster, who is about to start for the east to assist the Chinese peace commissioners in the negotiation of terms of peace with Japan, called at the state department today and had an interview with Secretary Gresham.

Whether there will be a suspension of hostilities pending the meeting of the plenipotentiaries of the two governments is not known at the Japanese legation here.

The Japanese troops are concentrating at New-Chwang, which the Chinese forces have recently evacuated, and that the victorious army will continue its march in the direction of Peking.

The United States steamer Yorktown arrived today at Che Foo from Yokohama. At this point she will be in an advantageous position to observe the progress of hostilities on the Shang Tung promontory, and if need be to retrace the Baltimore and the Monocacy below Tientsin.

The Young Colored Man in Jail For the Murder of Thomas F. Burke Gives Three Versions of the Affair.

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 28.--This afternoon the body of Thomas F. Burke, who was killed on Saturday, Dec. 15, at Pottsville, was exhumed in the Catholic cemetery at New Philadelphia by order of the coroner and an autopsy made.

The jury which brought in the verdict of death from exposure will be called together and a verdict in accordance with the autopsy will be found.

Charles Bowser, the young colored man who is in jail for the crime, has told three different stories, but it is believed he tells the truth only when he says he knocked the man down and kicked him until interfered with by one of the women of the neighborhood.

Money is still coming to this city in a steady stream and exports of gold for the week are expected to be about \$2,500,000.

The dissolution of the bond syndicate, indicating that the pending currency bill has destroyed the market for bonds, is the most important event in financial circles, and is liable to have results of some consequence.

Failures in three weeks of December show liabilities of \$10,651,937, of which \$6,751,419 were manufacturing and \$3,900,518 of trading concerns.

Failures for the week have been 350 in the United States against 511 last year and 41 in Canada against 41 last year.

MURDER OR SUICIDE. George Palmer and His Wife Found with Their Throats Cut.

Vassar, Mich., Dec. 28.--George Palmer and wife were found this morning with their throats cut, lying dead on the floor. Their son went to the barn to do the work about 8:30 o'clock, and when he returned he found his parents dead.

The Palmer's lived on a farm a few miles from the village of Millington. It is believed that Palmer was insane.

Result of a Merry Christmas. Charleston, S. C., Dec. 28.--A special from Cypress, S. C., says: On Christmas day Harvey Kelley and Frank Fields, two farmers, young married white men, about 22 years old, became involved in a quarrel and drew pistols and shot each other. Kelley was instantly killed and Fields is mortally wounded.

California Strike Cases. San Francisco, Dec. 28.--United States District Attorney Knight stated today that before the resumption of the strikers' cases next week, he would recommend to Attorney General Olney that the indictments against those who did not take an active part in stopping trains in July last be dismissed.

Detweiler's Case Settled. Easton, Pa., Dec. 28.--The case of O. L. Detweiler, of Easton, late court stenographer, charged with false pretense and embezzlement, was settled today by leave of the court by the defendant paying back to the county \$115, the amount admitted to be due the county, and paying the cost, \$25.50.

George Williamson Dead. Providence, R. I., Dec. 28.--George Williamson, father of the silverware industry of America, died today. He was head of the Gorham company.

POPULISTS IN A WRANGLE

Red Hot Talk Characterizes the Meeting at St. Louis.

MR. CLEVELAND DENOUNCED

Genuine Pop Wow at the Conference of the Party Leaders--Vice President Howard, of American Railway Union, Awakens Enthusiasm.

By the United Press.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 28.--The conference of the leaders of the Populist party began at 11 o'clock this morning and for nearly two hours there was a red hot exchange of opinions between the delegates.

Chairman Taubeneck finally despaired of reaching a decision in regard to the matter and declared a recess until 2 p. m. A committee appointed on addresses was instructed to take nothing from or add anything to the Omaha platform.

On re-assembling at 2 o'clock the national committee labored a quorum. It was decided that a call of states was the best means of getting an exchange of views.

Matters moved smoothly, and cheering was plentiful as each state was called. After Georgia reported, the conference adjourned until 7:30 p. m.

On re-assembling at 7:30 p. m. The call was resumed on re-assembling. Iowa brought General J. E. Weaver from the chair.

He had little to say of his state, but read a resolution to the effect that financial issues were the keynote of the coming campaign; side tracking the land and transportation question.

This precipitated a stormy wrangle and became hanging over her, and when today her mother spoke as if she believed what others had said against her, she remarked:

"Well, you will not be bothered with me much longer."

A few minutes later Mary appeared before her mother again with a bottle in her hand.

Miss Engle was accused of stealing a watch. The suspicion really fell upon her through a kindness she thought she was bestowing upon a neighbor, a woman she had known for some time, who was moving.

Scanton is a brawny machinist, 20 years old, in the employ of the East River Lead company.

His Claims to Be Considered in the State Senate. Easton, Pa., Dec. 28.--Dr. H. D. Heller, of Hellertown, who was yesterday declared defeated for state senator by E. H. Laubach, in the contested election case, proposes to carry his contest to the state senate.

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Three Hundred in Ashes. Mrs. Bartholomew Foolishly Secretes Her Cash in the Stove Pipe. Easton, Pa., Dec. 28.--Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bartholomew, residing near Moorestown, this county, lost \$300 last night in a singular manner.

Gunboats for France. Paris, Dec. 28.--The French government is constructing with all possible rapidity twelve gunboats and forty-six barges, which will be sent in section to Madagascar for the use of the French expedition.

Some Gold Still Remains. Washington, Dec. 28.--The stated treasury balance today is \$152,488,561, of which \$88,299,638 is in gold, a decline since yesterday of nearly \$700,000.

Weather Report. For eastern Pennsylvania, fair; warm; high northwesterly winds tonight, becoming southwesterly.

Exchange Club Hop. Honesdale's Swell Social Organization Entertains Numerous Guests. Special to the Scranton Tribune. Honesdale, Dec. 28.--The Exchange club dance held this evening was a brilliant affair, eclipsing all previous efforts of the club.

Elbow Full of Wire. Astonishing Result of a Surgical Operation Upon a Believable Patient. By the United Press. New York, Dec. 28.--Scanton came to Bellevue last Saturday morning, suffering with what everyone, including himself, supposed to be a bad dislocation of the left elbow joint.

Old Land Mark to Go. An Opera House Will Be Erected on the Site of Memorable Tragedies. By the United Press. Washington, Dec. 28.--The gloomy old brick mansion on Lafayette square in which the murderous assault was made on Secretary Seward and his son the night of President Lincoln's assassination, and in which James G. Blaine and his son and daughter died, and which has also been associated with other memorable tragedies in Washington life, is to be torn down.

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Scranton Invites the Business Man to the Councils.

FINLEY'S SPECIAL SALE OF MUSLIN UNDERWEAR. To make room for Spring Stock.

FINLEY'S 610 and 512 Lackawanna Ave. H. A. KINGSBURY AGENT FOR CHAS. A. SCHIEREN & CO.'S LEATHER BELTING THE VERY BEST. 313 SPRUCE ST., SCRANTON, PA.

LEWIS, REILLY & DAVIES. FOR A NEW YEAR PRESENT for your boy get him a pair of Storm King Boots or a pair of Shoes that will stand all sorts of sport and protect the boy's health.

LEWIS, REILLY & DAVIS, Wholesale and Retail. STORE OPEN EVENINGS. Holiday Goods. Our doors are open to every lover of the beautiful, and we welcome all to see and enjoy the largest display of Holiday Goods that was ever put on exhibition in this city.

W. J. WEICHEL, 408 SPRUCE STREET, NEAR DIME BANK. Can show you many more inside.