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THE FIELD OF POLITICS

Dave Martin Gives His Opinion on McKinley's Chances.

AN EMPHATIC STATEMENT

David Thinks That Mr. McKinley Will Carry Everything—Chauncey Filley Still Boss in Missouri—Other Political Points.

Philadelphia, May 13.—There was recently printed in New York an interview with David Martin, the Republican leader of Philadelphia and Senator Quay's principal opponent here in politics, in which Mr. Martin was credited with saying that 27 members of Pennsylvania's delegation to St. Louis would vote for McKinley on the first ballot. Immediately after the publication of the interview Senator Quay sent a circular telegram to all but four members of the delegation asking them what their position was.

Mr. Martin was asked today in regard to the interview accredited to him. "Why," he said "whatever private views I entertain as to the number of votes Mr. Quay would receive or the number Mr. McKinley would receive, I would keep to myself. I am not in the habit of giving such things newspaper publicity and I must beg to be excused from being held responsible for whatever New York newspapers quote me as saying in this connection. However, inasmuch as Mr. Quay credits me with having given 27 votes to McKinley, I will go farther and say that McKinley will, in my opinion, get the vote of the entire Pennsylvania delegation and on the first ballot, at that. Before the first ballot is nearly over there will be no other candidate before the convention and I won't be surprised if McKinley be nominated by acclamation."

MISSOURI REPUBLICANS.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 13. The Republican state convention did not adjourn until 4:30 o'clock this morning. The convention was in some respects the noisiest and most troublesome ever held in the state, but at its close Chauncey I. Filley of St. Louis, still held the reins. The delegates-at-large to the St Louis convention are Chauncey I. Filley, of St. Louis; ex-Congressman F. G. Niedringhaus, of St. Louis; Major William Warner, of Kansas City, and J. H. Bothwell, of Sedalia. The alternates are Byrd Duncan, of Butler county; Charles F. Gallen Kamp, of Franklin; H. R. Williams, of Greene, and Charles P. Covington, of Pike. Major Warner withdrew his name, but was the last delegate chosen.

The convention re-elected Chauncey I. Filley chairman of the state central committee, and passed a resolution favoring him as member of the national Republican committee to succeed R. C. Kerens, his opponent in the convention.

A platform was adopted instructing the delegates to vote for McKinley, demanding a return to the principles of protection and reciprocity, and containing the following financial plank:

We are firm and emphatic in our demand for honest money. We believe that our money should not be inferior to the money of the most enlightened nations of the earth. We are unalterably opposed to any scheme that threatens to debase or to depreciate our currency. We favor the use of silver as currency, but to the extent only and under such regulations that its parity with the present gold standard can be maintained, and, in consequence, we are opposed to the free, unlimited and independent coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1.

CALIFORNIA POPULISTS.

Sacramento, Cal., May 13.—The Populist state convention met here yesterday to elect delegates to the national convention. The platform favors woman suffrage, government ownership of the Pacific railroads, demands that the sale of government bonds shall cease. The free coinage of silver, the repeal of the national bank act, the establishment of postal savings banks and an income tax are demanded.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

Warm Fight Occurs over the Adoption of Report Relating to Baptism.

Cleveland, Ohio, May 13.—In the Methodist general conference today several changes in th discipline, recommended by the bishops were reported by the committee on revisals.

The first two sections of the report were adopted.

A warm fight occurred over the adoption of the third section of the report relating to infant baptism. At the close of the debate the section was recommitted.

The committee on episcopacy did not report in accordance with the instructions it had received. Dr. Buckley stated that the committee as yet had been unable to agree upon the number of bishops it would recommend to be created, but that it would be ready to report to the conference the first thing tomorrow morning, after the reading of the journal. The time for the committee to report was extended to that hour.

Though the committee was unable to report, this much is known of the deliberations at the meeting:

The members agreed to recommend the retirement of Bishop Thomas Bowman, Bishop R. S. Foster, and Missionary Bishop William Taylor, of Africa, on account of their feebleness and inability to perform the arduous duties of their positions, by reason of advanced age. This action will necessitate the election of two regular bishops, and one missionary bishop.

A proposition to change the date of meeting of the general conference from the first of May to the first Wednesday in May brought out a sharp debate in the conference. The resolution provided for the calling of the extra sessions of the conference upon the call of a sufficient number and had been passed upon by the annual conferences, which had adopted it by the necessary three-fourths vote. Dr. Leonard objected to treating the matter as a constitutional question claiming that the general conference has the power to fix its own time of meeting. Sargent of Indiana, and Neely and Swindell, of Philadelphia, and several others took the opposite ground and on being put to a vote, the changes were carried in the constitutional way by a vote of 397 to 19.

REFUSED HIS PENSION.

Samuel Fetters, a War Veteran, Upon Recovering Health, Rejects It.

West Chester, Pa., May 13.—Samuel Fetters, of Frazer, has refused to receive his pension money from the government. The department officials say his case was only the second of the kind which has come under their observation since the war.

Fetters, during the war, contracted a disease which his physician pronounced chronic, and he applied for and received a good-sized pension. This he drew regularly until a short time ago, when his health began to improve and finally he was completely restored to his former vigor. Then he wrote to the department to cease sending the pension. This was not done and when the next pension day came he promptly sent the money back to Washington. Thinking Fetters was insane the department sent an inspector to investigate the case and the result is that his name has been taken off the rolls.

SIX MONTHS FOR A KISS.

A Philadelphia Connoisseur of Beauty Gets Into Prison.

Philadelphia, May 13.—William Bittles, who keeps a livery stable at 1115 Locust street, today pleaded guilty to assault and battery on Edith Crowthers and was sentenced to six months in the county prison by Judge Biddle in the quarter sessions court.

Miss Crowthers, who is a comely miss and says she is but 15 years of age, testified that on Monday, March 2, when the other employes in the office were absent, Bittles chased her around the office and kissed her several times. That day she left his employ and had him arrested.

In his own behalf Bittles contended that he never did anything more than pat the girl on the shoulder and tell her that she was "good looking." Judge Biddle severely lectured Bittles and, as a warning to others of like tendency, sentenced him to six months imprisonment.

CURES CONSUMPTION.

Claims for an Elgin Doctor's Treatment. Patients Testify to Cures—The Medicine Conveyed to the Lungs by Inhalation.

Elgin, Ill., May 13.—The discovery of a new process for the cure of consumption by Dr. W. B. Sheppard, of this city, is a topic of conversation. The treatment is based on the principle of inhalation and exhalation, applied by a device which introduces into the diseased lung cells healing remedies. The instrument is cylindrical, about twenty inches high and seven inches in diameter, and contains two compartments, one above the other. In the lower is the medicine, which saturates the air that is taken into the lungs, and in the upper is a register for measuring the quantity of air taken into and expelled from the lungs.

About a hundred consumptives, it is said, have been cured by the treatment. Every case in the first stage has been restored, as were 75 per cent. in the second stage and about 10 per cent. of those in the last stage.

Upon request of prominent citizens the mayor appointed A. H. Lowrie, editor of the News; Colonel S. Wilcox and George S. Bowen, president of the Elgin Scientific society, to visit a number of the patients and examine their condition. The commission reported that all of the patients testified in the most positive terms to the complete success of the treatment; that their previous opinion as to the incurability of consumption was dissipated, and that they were convinced that the disease, in its first and second stages, at least, had been and could be cured.

SWISS SOLD FOR SLAVES.

Interesting History Recalled by the Death of an Old Woman.

Altoona, Pa., May 13.—The death of Mrs. Mary Helfrick at Chambersburg recalls some interesting history. In 1816 her parents emigrated from Switzerland to America. The ship was disabled by a storm and blown about for days. The provisions were exhausted, and the father and two sisters died of starvation. The ship was finally crushed by ice floes. Among the saved were Mrs. Helfrick, her mother, two sisters and a brother.

The captain of the rescuing ship having carried them to Baltimore without recompense, there sold them for $100 to Henry Etter for four years. Mrs. Eliza Bollinger, of Bedford, one of the sisters placed in bondage by the ship captain, is the only member of the family now surviving.

AN AMERICAN LYNCHED.

He Killed a Man in Guatemala and Was Hanged by a Mob.

Memphis, Tenn., May 13.—Letters have been received announcing the hanging by a mob of Adrian Harper De Witt, of this city, at Puerto Barrios, Guatemala. DeWitt became involved in a quarrel with McNamara, a train dispatcher, whom he shot through the head, killing him instantly.

DeWitt surrendered himself to the authorities, and shortly afterwards a crowd of Americans, mostly mechanics employed on the railroad, made an attack on the prison, in which several of the guards and members of the mob were killed, but DeWitt was taken out and hanged to a tree. DeWitt was related closely to the Harpers, publishers, of New York.

MONSTER AT DUNBAR.

A Strange Animal That Dines on Pet Dogs.

Dunbar, Pa., May 13.—A large dog-eating animal, resembling a lion, is roaming about this place and terrorizing the rural inhabitants. The animal is about four feet high and has a large mane resembling a lion's, and is believed to have escaped from some circus. It first appeared in this neighborhood a few weeks ago, and since then has eaten several dogs. The people living near here are afraid to venture out at night.

A party left for the mountains last night to hunt for the animal.

BURIED UNDER BEANS.

Peculiar Death of a New York State Produce Merchant.

Genese, N. Y., May 13.—Ed. A. Brown, a well-known produce merchant and dealer in carriages and bicycles, was found dead this morning. He was buried under about 500 bushels of beans in the packing room of his warehouse. the packing bin having given way while he was under it, and being caught by the timbers he was killed.

The last seen of his alive was at 6 o'clock last evening, and it is supposed he lay there all night. He leave a wife and two children, and was about 35 years old.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, May 13.—Arrived: Dresden, from Bremen; Teutonic, from Liverpool and Queenstown; Havel, from Bremen and Southampton. Sailed: Paris, for Southampton; Germanic, for Liverpool; Noordland, for Antwerp. Arrived out: New York, at Southampton; Spree, at Southampton (and proceeded to Bremen); Maasdam, at Rotterdam; Thingvalla, at Copenhagen. Sailed for New York: Trave, from Southampton. Sighted: Phoenicia, from Hamburg for New York, passed Beachy Head, May 12; Massachusetts, from New York for London, passed the Lizard.

Gold Withdrawals.

Washington, May 13.—The withdrawals of gold from the treasury today were $1,625,000, which reduces the treasury gold reserve to $114,456,281. The last bond issue of $100,000,000 in February raised the reserve to $128,000,000, but since that point was touched the reserve has steadily declined. All the gold due from that bond issue—$111,000,000—with the exception of $600,000, has been paid into the treasury. Since Feb. 1 last the treasury has lost $40,000,000 in gold. The loss this month has been $11,500,000 and since the beginning of the fiscal year, July 1, 1895, $140,000,000.

REBELS HAVE MORE TIME

Date of Surrender Has Been Indefinitely Postponed.

GEN. WEYLER'S NEW ORDER

Trial of an American—Hot Pursuit of Supposed Filibusters—Grinding Sugar-cane—The Morgan Belligerency Resolution—Other Cuban News.

Havana, May 13.—Captain General Weyler has prolonged indefinitely the period given to the insurgents in which to surrender, and obtain pardon for their offenses.

Lieutenant Colonel Zubie has captured a sub-prefect of Santo Domingo, named Santiago Nunez, who is supposed to have been intrusted with an important mission by the insurgents.

Civil Justice Romulo Villahermosa has been selected to hear the case of Loreto Cepero, said to be an insurgent leader, and an American citizen, who was captured on board the Spanish steamship Gloria in January last while on his way from Cienfuegos, province of Santa Clara, to Batabano, this province, with important communications from the insurgents in Santa Clara to Gomez an Macro.

Whidle cruising in the vicinity of Point Media Casa, the commander of the Spanish gunboat Diego Velasquez saw a boat manned by several men off shore. The gunboat got as near as possible to the small boat and then an armed boat from the former was sent in pursuit. Notwithstanding the use of a rapid fire gun in the Diego Velasquez's boat, the supposed filibusterers succeeded in landing and escaped. The sailors and marines from the armed boat pursued the party, destroyed a salt mine which belonged to the insurgents, and, after three hours' useless search, the boat returned to the Diego Velasquez with the captured craft.

The mayor of Barracoa, on the north coast of the province of Pinar del Rio, now reports that the bat found abandoned in his district and supposed to have landed a small expedition was marked "Str. Shelter Island, No. 4."

At the central plantations of Teresa and Salvador, in the Sagua district, 1,000 tons of sugar cane are being ground daily.

General Bernal will probably return to Spain on May 20. He is thoroughly disgusted with the situation.

Washington, May 13.—The greater part of the time of the meeting of the senate committee on foreign relations today was devoted to consideration of Senator Morgan's joint resolution recognizing the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents. Action was postponed until the next meeting. Mr. Morgan explained at some length his reasons for offering the resolution in a form which would, if it should be adopted by congress, require the action of the president, saying that he felt that the time had arrived when the American government as a whole should declare its position. He laid stress upon the condition of American citizens in Cuba, and urged that action should be taken on this if on no other account. Nothing developed to indicate what position the members of the committee may take on the resolution.

Paris, May 13.—The French newspapers continue their attitue of opposition to the United States, so far as Cuba is concerned. The Eclair this morning says: "It is clear that Brother Jonathan has just as many scruples as his brother John Bull. He wants to interfere at any price in affairs which do not concern him. This policy will not find supporters in France."

NEW WOMAN REBELLED.

Her Husband Did the Housework, but He Demanded Spending Money.

Baltimore, May 13.—How the new woman and the new man get along together in practical life was illustrated in a case before Police Justice Grannon today. Mrs. Ida Kuhn, a good looking woman, had her husband arrested on a charge of abusing her. Mrs. Kuhn, who is a collarmaker, testified that she had supported herself and her family for fourteen years. The husband said that while his wife worked at the factory he attended to the children, dressed and sent them to school and performed the other household duties.

All he wanted was a little spending money on Saturday night, and it was the argument about this that led to his arrest. Mrs. Kuhn said she could get a girl to do the work her husband did for $1.25 a week and she would not have to stand any impertinence.

Justice Brannon fined Kuhn $1 and costs and his wife would not pay up. He had to go to jail in default.

DISLIKES MURDER YARNS.

People of a Kansas Town in Factional Strife on an Editor's Exposure.

Topeka, Kan., May 13.—The people of Oakley, Logan county, are divided in factions for and against Editor C. V. Kinney, who denounced the teachers in the schools for putting in part of the time reading murder stories to the pupils from the newspapers. In his paper he charged that the practice was instilling in the minds of pupils a desire for such literature and directing their attention away from proper channels.

Mr. Kinney has been threatened with a shower of eggs for his exposure. He defies his enemies to attempt such punishment, and says that "the people of this community may depend upon it that when the Graphic sees a head pop up that needs combing that head is going to be combed."

CROOKS ARRESTED.

James Cregan and Charles Becker Were Wanted for Raising Checks.

New York, May 13.—James Cregan and Charles Becker were turned over to a policeman at Broad and Market streets this afternoon by J. Allan and W. H. Parker, Pinkerton detectives, who had followed the men from Philadelphia. The prisoners raised a draft for $12 drawn to the order of J. H. Dean, on the Nevada bank of San Francisco, to $22,000 and received $20,000 in gold on Dec. 20, 1895. The prosecuting banks are the Nevada, Woodland and Crocker Woodworth banks of California. Over $2,300 was found on Cregan. The prisoners are held for extradition.

A dispatch today from San Francisco says the men were indicted there last Friday by the grand jury.

Americans in the Navy.

Washington, May 13.—Admiral Ramsay, acting secretary of the navy, has informed the senate in response to its request, that of the 9,533 blue jackets in the United States naval service, 4,400 are foreign born and 861 of the 2,067 marines are natives of other countries than the United States. The percentage of Americans in the navy is, however, increasing.

Engineers at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Ont., May 13.—The biennial convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers of America opened here today with Chief Arthur in the chair. The only business done at the morning session was the appointment of a committee on credentials.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today:
Fair; Slightly Cooler.

1 Cuban News.
Dave Martin on McKinley.
Congressional Proceedings.
2 Tribune's Popular Want Columns.
3 (Local)—Receiver of Taxes Law.
City Must Repair Turnpike.
4 Editorial.
5 (Local)—Session of Ivorites.
Forger Baird's Charge Refuted.
6 (Sports)—Scranton Again Defeats Providence.
National, State League and College Games.
Bicycle News and Gossip.
7 Suburban News.
Market and Financial News.
8 News Up and Down the Valley.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH.

Body of an Unknown Woman found in a Brook.

New York, May 13.—Park Policeman Charles Langford found the body of an unknown woman lying in a brook in Mosholu parkway, east of Jerome avenue, this morning. There were marks of violence on her head and body. The woman was about 45 years of age.

At first it was thought that a murder had been committed but according to the autopsy performed the woman died a natural death. The examination, the doctor said, showed that death was the result of paralysis of the heart and that the wounds were probably inflicted after death.

The body this afternoon was identified as that of Mrs. Sarah Scofield, 48 years old, of Armonki, Kensico, West Chester county. She had been in a melancholy mood for some time.

MURDERED IN CHURCH.

A Farmer Crept to a Pew Where His Wife Worshiped and Stabbed Her.

Blountsville, Ala., May 13.—The services at a protracted meeting at a Baptist church here last night were interrupted by William Kyle, a farmer, who entered the church while prayer was being offered, and, creeping to a pew where his wife knelt, drew a long knife and stabbed her. The woman gave a piercing scream, which caused a panic among the congregation.

Kyle was captured as he again attempted to plunge his knife into the prostrate woman's body and was hurried away to prevent his being lynched. He is in jail at Onontail. His wife died today. The woman had separated from her husband a week ago on account of his ill-treatment and he was jealous because she went to the church with a neighbor.

SALVATIONISTS ON WHEELS.

Bicycle Gospel Brigade to Be Organized by Captain Blanche Cox.

Washington, May 13.—The bicycle is to be adopted by the alvation army. Staff Captain Blanche Cox, who came recently from Chicago to command the army in Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia, is organizing a bicycle brigade, with which she will travel through the states under the jurisdiction and endeavor to gain as many recruits as possible for the army.

Captain Cox is an expert bicyclist, and she said today, that if it is possible to find among the host of officers here eight or ten who can ride a bicycle as well as herself she will mount her brigade on bicycles and thus travel through the country. The campaign will last for two months.

TURNED ON BANDITS.

Thugs at South Bend, Ind., Fare Badly in an Attempted Hold-Up.

South Bend, Ind., May 13.—Dallas Baker, of Adrian, Mich., and Thomas Ryan, two young men with a watch and some money, were in a Grand Trunk box-car coming into this city early this morning when they were assaulted by John Moore and James Kramer, two desperate tramps, who robbed the men of part of their clothing, as well as the watch and money, at the point of a revolver.

Moore had the weapon and he compelled Ryan to jump from the moving train. Baker snatched the revolver from Moore and shot Kramer. Both men were then kept covered until this city was reached, when they were arrested. Kramer's injuries are in all probability fatal.

WOMAN SAVES THREE LIVES.

Miss Kinsey Rescues a Patient and Two Attendants.

Kankakee, Ill., May 13.—Miss Kinsey, an attendant at the Kankakee hospital for the insane, saved the lives of two attendants and a patient this afternoon. While a number of patients were being exercised one of the number ran into the river and attempted to drown herself. Two attendants, Misses South and Bissell, rushed into the stream to rescue the patient. In a very short time all three were carried beyond their depth.

They sank for the second time, when Miss Kinsey went into the water, and, going so far as she could and keep her balance, caught the skirt of one of the struggling women and pulled them to the shore.

FILIBUSTERERS ARRAIGNED.

Officers of the Steamship Bermuda Before the Court.

New York, May 13.—Captain John O'Brien, Mate Edward Murphy, John D. Hart and Emilio Nunez were arraigned in the United States circuit court this afternoon upon a charge of having aided and set on foot a military expedition against a foreign power in Cuba with which the United States is at peace.

This charge has reference to the first successful trip of the steamship Bermuda to Cuba with arms, ammunition and men. The accused through their counsel, entered a formal plea of not guilty, with permission to change their plea or enter a demurrer.

TRAGEDY OF A FLAT.

William Moesner Commits Suicide Upon Being Jilted.

New York, May 13.—William Moesner, of 3729 Third avenue, committed suicide by shooting today in a flat at 217 East 25th street, where he was visiting a young woman named Emma Welton. He first tried to shoot her and failing in this attempt turned the pistol on himself and sent a bullet through his brain. Moesner was 32 years old and for the last three years had been employed in a brewery.

It is said that he asked the Welton woman this morning to marry him and that she refused.

Long Warfare Settled

New York, May 13.—At the meeting of the American Tract society today a resolution was adopted to abolish the system of two divisions and to have the business hereafter conducted under one head. This settles a long warfare.

IN CONGRESSIONAL HALLS

Business Transacted by the National Lawmakers.

THE HARBOR BILLS PASSED

Warm Word Encounters Upon the Measure—Vote on the Bill—Mr. Hill Aims a Bill at Aliens—Other Washington Topics.

Washington, May 13.—The river and harbor bill was passed in the senate today, leaving only three of the annual appropriation bills to be acted on. These are the District of Columbia bill, the fortification bill and the deficiency bill. But before either of them is taken up the Delaware senatorial election case will have to be disposed of, and to that case tomorrow and Friday have been assigned.

The amendment which had been offered to the river and harbor bill yesterday by Mr. Gorman (Dem., Md.) limiting expenditures under the bill to ten millions a year, was today, after a long discussion, laid on the table by a vote of 40 to 22. An amendment in the same sense, limiting the expenditures under contracts to 20 per cent., was offered by Mr. Bate (Dem., Tenn.) and met the same fate, with a vote of 37 to 18, and then, after a somewhat bitter encounter of words between Mr. Allen (Pop., Neb.) and the chairman of the committee on commerce, Mr. Frye (Rep., Me.) The latter made the closing speech in advocacy of the bill and in response to criticism of it. Mr. Frye stated some facts in illustration of the immense growth of the railroad, river and lake commerce of the United States. The railroad freights, he said, had been cut down within the last twenty years from 3½ cents a ton mile to about ⅝ of a cent a ton mile, and yet the people wanted cheaper freigths. That requirement could only be met by improving water facilities and for the reason the intelligent people of the United States were everywhere asking for river and harbor improvements.

The vote on the passage of the bill was: Yeas 57, nays 9—the senators who voted in the negative being Messrs. Allen (Pop., Neb.), Bate (Dem., Tenn.), Brown (Rep., Utah.), Chilton (Dem., Texas), Harris (Dem., Tenn.), Hill (Dem., N. Y.), Kyle (Pop., S. D.), Smith (Dem., N. J.) and Vilas (Dem., Wis.)

AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATION.

The bill as it passed the house appropriated $10,594,718 and authorized contracts for 32 projects involving an aggregate liability of $51,721,210. As it was reported to the senate the amount appropriated was $12,614,550. That sum was increased by various items put on in the senate, including the provision for the deep sea harbor in Southern California.

A SHOT AT ALIENS.

In the senate today Mr. Hill introduced a bill which provides that no person, not a citizen of the United States shall be employed upon or in connection with any public building or public works under the control of or conducted by the United States, its territories or the District of Columbia. All contracts hereafter entered into are required to contain a provision that this law is to be carried into effect. Violations are to be deemed as misdemeanors punishable bya fine of from $250 to $500, imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both.

From the committee on agriculture, Senator Proctor today reported a bill to provide for a director in chief of the scientific bureaus and investigations in the department of agriculture. This official to be appointed by the president, and confirmed by the senate, at a salary of $5,000 a year. Under the present system this work has been confided to an assistant secretary, but for some years there has been felt the need of a permanent officer of wide scientific attainments who should have charge of all this work.

INVESTIGATE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

Mr. Morse (Rep., Mass.) from the committee on alcoholic liquor traffic, reported to the house today, with the recommendation that it pass, a bill providing for the appointment by the president of a commission of five persons, whose duty it shall be to investigate the alcoholic liquor traffic, its relation to revenue and taxation, and its general economic, criminal, moral and scientific aspects in connection with pauperism, crime, social vice, the public health and general welfare of the people; and also to inquire into and take testimony as to the practical results of license and prohibitory legislation for the prevention of intemperance. An appropriation of $10,000 is made to defray the expenses of the inquiry.

HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

The house was mainly occupied today in the consideration of the Rinaker-Downing contested election case, Mr. Cooke (Rep., Ills.) resuming his argument in favor of Rinaker. The debate continued until night though several motions to adjourn were interjected and defeated, during the discussion. The debate was participated in by Mr. Lacey (Rep., Ills.) in favor of Downing and Mr. Dalzell (Rep., Pa.), who gave reasons for not assenting to the report for unseating Mr. Downing. Messrs. Hepburn (Rep., Iowa) and Connolly (Rep., Ills.) strongly favored the seating of Mr. Rinaker.

At 8:20 the house by a vote of 139 to 35 recommitted the case to the committee on elections No. 1, with instructions to recount such parts of the vote deemed proper.

NO ACTION ON CUBA.

The senate committee on foreign relations this morning discussed Mr. Morgan's joint resolution recognizing the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents, but no action was taken and sentiments of the members were not disclosed by the discussion.

WOMEN AS TRUSTEES.

No Valid Reason for Excluding Them From Boards in Free Libraries.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 13.—The department of public instructions has of late received numerous inquiries regarding the right of woman to act as trustees in free public libraries. Deputy Superintendent Stewart today sent a reply to a letter of this character in which he said there can be no valid reason for excluding women from membership in the board of trustees authorized by the act of assembly relating to free public libraries. The deputy superintendent said:

"I think it would be rather commendable on the part of the board to recognize women in organizing the board of trustees."

John H. McKelvey Dead.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 13.—John H. McKelvey, president of the National Lead and Oil company of Pennsylvania, died very suddenly at his residence, North Negley avenue, at 8:30 o'clock this morning. Mr. McKelvey had not enjoyed good health for some time, but continued in active business. He was 59 years of age and leaves a widow and five children.

FINLEY'S

Special Sale of Towels

For this Week Only.

This is an opportunity for housekeepers to replenish their stock of Towels at prices much below regular value. We call special attention to our

GERMAN LINEN TOWELS

In Damask and Huckaback.

Fringed Towels at 12½, 19, 25 and 35 cents each.

Hemmed Towels 12½, 15, 18 and 22 cents each.

Hem Stitched 12½, 18, 25, 35, 48, 55, 65, 75, 95, $1.25 and $1.50 each.

BATH TOWELS.

A PAIR.

15 dozen Bath Towels 7c
25 dozen Bath Towels 19c
15 dozen Bath Towels 25c
10 dozen Bath Towels 35c
20 dozen Bath Towels 48c

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