



WEDNESDAY, May 15, 1895.

The President has nominated Fred Douglas to be Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia.

Miss Buckley of Freeport, is a candidate for Register and Recorder of Armstrong county.

It is said that on one of the Star mail contracts in New Mexico it cost the Government \$700 for each letter carried.

As soon as Mrs. Garfield is able to be moved the President will take his family to the Soldiers' home for the summer.

STANLEY MATHEWS was confirmed as a Judge of the U. S. Supreme Court on Thursday last by a majority of one vote. A mighty close shave.

It is now said that the struggle for the Senate offices will not be renewed, but will be postponed until December, and that the Senate will probably adjourn in a few days.

TREASURY is still honored in the South. A statue of Stonewall Jackson was unveiled last week at New Orleans, and an address was made by Jeff Davis, glorifying the martyr of the lost cause.

Who is to be the leader of the one thousand Independents in this county to be mustered into the "National Republican League" which is to dictate nominations to Republican Conventions?

On Friday last the President sent a message to the Senate withdrawing the nomination of Gen. Lew Wallace as Charge d' Affaires to Paraguay and Uruguay, at his own request.

Mrs. GARFIELD, wife of the President, is lying very ill in Washington. The family physician from Cleveland has been sent for and is in consultation with eminent medical men of the city about her case.

SENATORS Pendleton and Beck, both Democrats, were among the strongest advocates of Stanley Matthews' confirmation, while Edmunds, Logan, and McMillan, all Republicans, opposed it. So we suppose there isn't much partnership in the confirmation.

A LETTER written during the last campaign by General Sherman has been resurrected. In it he says: "My personal relations with the two eminent candidates for President are such that I am unwilling to do or say anything to influence a single vote."

Col. THOMAS A. SCOTT suffered another attack of paralysis last week, affecting his left side and limbs. His condition is considered quite critical by his friends, and grave apprehensions are felt in regard to his recovery.

The grain speculators are making persistent efforts to create the impression that the growing crop will be a failure, and yet there is more wheat of last year's crop in storage through the west than there has been for ten years. If the coming crop is a good one the holders of old grain will meet with heavy losses, hence the cry of blight in the growing crop.

STANLEY MATHEWS was twice nominated—by Hayes and Garfield—for Justice of the Supreme Court. The Senate prevented his confirmation under Hayes, and he succeeded last week by one vote. Yet we have not seen a single charge that "Bossism" controlled the Senate in his case, while there has been a prolonged howl that "bossism" was preventing Robertson's confirmation.

The dispatches describing the royal wedding in Austria stated that at the most solemn stage in the ceremony the Princess Stephanie burst out in a fit of weeping, and for a few moments her emotion was almost uncontrollable. A special dispatch says that the cause of the demonstration was the recognition by the bride among the spectators, of a young American with whom she was violently in love, but whom royal etiquette prevented her from marrying.

The special Washington despatches of the Pittsburgh Commercial-Gazette of Thursday last contain the following item: "J. O. Kuntz, candidate for Collector of Internal Revenue in the Seventh district, arrived here to-day with ex-Representative Kuntz, who is urging his appointment. Nothing, however, will be done in this case until the whole subject of the Pennsylvania appointments is taken up. Senators Cannon and Mitchell both favor delay until after the questions pending the Senate are out of the way."

"Ex-Representative Kuntz" is not only earning his revenge but venting it, frantically around the lobbies and corridors at Washington this hot weather, with the thermometer among the nineties.

The proposed penitentiary at Huntington is to be made a reformatory home. A Commission appointed by the Governor visited it recently, and reported favorably for the purpose of proceeding with the work of the building which probably will be made at the present session of the Legislature. The young criminals from all parts of the State will be sent to the institution when completed, with the hope that amid proper influences they may be arrested in their career of crime.

The Postmaster General has just ordered a discontinuance of unnecessary mail service on eight steamboat routes in the South, thus effecting a saving of about \$75,000 a year. Other reductions and discontinuances of unnecessary routes will be made in different parts of the country from time to time.

MASSACHUSETTS is determined not to drink liquor to be done under a law or behind a shutter, and therefore a bill has been enacted in that State which forbids all screens, shutters, curtains or other devices to hide a bar at which liquor is sold from public observation. The drinking must be done in open, public gaze of all men.

IMPERATION since January 1st, at the port of New York, has surprised every record ever made in the same period of like results. In January the arrivals were 9,756; in February, 9,758; in March, 27,708; in April, 61,270; and 27,835 on the first ten days of May. Last Monday 6,721 people arrived at Castle Garden, more people than are contained in many of the thriving cities of the West. The total for the month of May is put down in an estimate, by competent officials, at 70,000, and for the year it is believed the arrival will foot up a half a million.

SECRETARY WINDOM has met with such pronounced success in refunding the six per cent. bonds at three and a half per cent., that he has not only called in all the five per cent. coupon bonds, amounting to \$128,000,000 for resumption or continuance at three and a half per cent., but has also given notice that he will receive for continuance at the same rate \$250,000,000 of the outstanding registered five, the remaining \$77,000,000 being reserved for redemption from the surplus revenue. In short it is a call for the entire \$450,000,000 five per cent. to be transformed into three and a half per cent. subject to the payment in hand of \$77,000,000.

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Attempted Assassination.

MILWAUKEE, May 11.—The strike of the switchmen on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad, has at last assumed a ugly shape. At two o'clock this morning the freight train on the company's yard, on the South Side, over an attempt to assassinate one of the night foremen, by means of a nitroglycerine bomb. At the hour mentioned, a report in effect like that of the discharge of a cannon startled the residents in the vicinity of where the dastardly outrage was perpetrated. The shock was so great that the glass in windows for squares around was shattered. People who were awakened rushed to the scene, and found that bombs had been thrown at Michael Keiser, a yard foreman, who was riding down the track on a switch engine, with the fireman and engineer. Keiser had made himself obnoxious by refusing to receive overtures from the strikers. Fortunately, there was a ditch filled with mud along the track, and the nitroglycerine struck it, instead of falling in front of the engine, as was intended. As a result of the explosion, a number of people were injured, and the engine was damaged. The men arrested were soon after placed on trial for the murder, and, as stated, were found guilty, and sentenced to the State Prison for a term of years.

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FOR WHICH TWO INNOCENT MEN HAD BEEN SACRIFICED—ASSERTED BY HER SON SHE COMMITTED THE CRIME AND KEEPS THE SECRET.

CRISFIELD, Md., May 12.—The people of Princess and Crisfield and other parts of Somerset county are greatly excited over the recent confession of a woman, who is now on her death-bed, of having murdered a man eighteen years ago. Two negroes were executed for the crime in 1863. The murder occurred some time during the latter part of 1862, the victim being Asaiah Dougherty, who was found dead in his store. As was then supposed, his money was the incentive for the crime. Suspicion rested upon two colored men, who were arrested soon after the murder was perpetrated, but no money was found in their possession, and none could be found about the store of Mr. Dougherty. It was generally supposed that either party or parties were accessory to the crime, but time failed to unravel the mystery. The men arrested were soon after placed on trial for the murder, and, as stated, were found guilty, and sentenced to the State Prison for a term of years.

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A Diamond Ring.

A wealthy physician of Murfreesboro, Tenn., bought a \$1,500 diamond ring for his daughter. About three years since, while riding out, the ring was lost. It was advertised and a liberal reward offered for its recovery, but nothing was ever heard of it. A few weeks ago a child of a blacksmith was taken sick, and the physician referred to called to see it. While at the bedside he had occasion to mention the diamond ring, and Adams said he had recently found a ring, handed it to the physician and asked him if his daughter had recently lost a ring, for the ring contained the name he, had just pronounced. The physician said she had not, but that some years ago she had lost a diamond ring, and as his eyes fell upon the sparkling object he recognized his daughter's long-lost treasure. The lady said her husband had found it in the bottom of a horse box only a few days before that, while cleaning out the box for the purpose of shoeing him. One small diamond was missing.

Morgan's Statue Unveiled. SPARTANBURG, S. C., May 11.—Fair weather welcomed the hosts who gathered at the unveiling yesterday to present at the unveiling of the monument to General Daniel Morgan, which was erected by the old thirteen States and the State of Tennessee. Among the visitors to the scene were hundreds who made themselves known as grand children and great-grand children or more remote descendants of the hero. He followed General Morgan when he routed the British at Cowpens. Daybreak was saluted with rounds of artillery and bursts of music. At ten o'clock in the morning, amid the cheers of the multitude, the veil was lifted from the statue of Morgan. A number of beautiful young ladies, representing the States participating in the event. These handsome misses added special interest to the occasion, from the fact that all are descendants of Morgan's soldiers. A fine feature of the celebration was the procession, participated in by the numerous military and civil companies.

The Electric Railway. LONDON, May 13.—Siemens and Halske, the well-known Berlin electricians, gave to-day a public trial of their new electric railway, which runs between Lichterfeld and Coltenhaus, six miles from Berlin. The trial was an entire success. It was made in a simple train car, with an electric battery concealed beneath the floor, and was completed through the rails on which it ran with the principal battery at the station. The rails are thirty-three inches apart and exactly resemble those of an ordinary railway, the gauge being narrow. The greatest speed obtained was 18 English miles an hour. It is necessary to mention that the rails are not insulated, but are connected to the police authorities. The railway will be opened to the public on Monday next.

The Color Line. MEADVILLE, Pa., May 10.—Judge Church has decided the test case brought by Elias Allen, colored, against the school directors of this county, who refused to receive admission to the white school. The Judge decided all points in favor of the colored race. The Judge holds that the State law of 1854 is unconstitutional, and in conflict with the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments. The defendants were fined a greater sum than could be obtained, but this was not allowed by the police authorities. The railway will be opened to the public on Monday next.

Militia Men. NEW YORK, May 13.—During the review of the First Brigade at the Prospect Park parade ground, yesterday, the great heat effected the men terribly. They began falling upon the ground, while general consternation pervaded the ranks, and the parade had to be abandoned. Everything possible was done to relieve the men, but to no avail. The men who were prostrated, with the exception of two men sent to the hospital all the sufferers were able to be removed home.

Crippled for Life. WASHINGTON, Pa., May 12.—Joe Nuss and one of his sons, of Deep Valley, Greene county, have both become cripples for life within a day or two. Mr. Nuss had his foot so badly mangled while at work in a mill that it will have to be amputated. The son who was vaccinated, has such a sore arm from the effects of the virus that that member must also be cut off.

Revolving Vitamins. CINCINNATI, May 12.—A dispatch from Burton, Va., reports that on Friday night, May 9th, four men broke into the house of Mr. McManis, a newly married man, seized and bound him, and then in his presence indecently assaulted his wife. Brant, O'Neal, and James and John McGaffey have been arrested as the perpetrators. Great excitement prevails, and lynching is freely spoken of.

Cattle Disease. OMAHA, Neb., May 11.—Eastern Nebraska and Western Iowa are suffering from losses by the death of cattle. Thousands of head have died within the past few days. Veterinary surgeons pronounce the disease anthrax, in inflammation of the stomach and bowels. Owners of large herds are becoming greatly alarmed and are taking steps to prevent intermingling, as healthy cattle coming in contact with those diseased instantly become affected. The disease which heretofore has been confined to certain localities is now seen to be spreading.

Imprisonment for Life. NEW YORK, May 12.—William O'Donnell, who was indicted for murder in the first degree in having killed his wife, Bridget, on a boat on February 13, was convicted to-day in the court of general sessions of murder in the second degree. O'Donnell sent him to state prison for the term of his natural life. O'Donnell took his sentence very coolly.

An Atrocious Murder. CHARLESTON, S. C., May 12.—A terrible murder was committed on Monday night, in Spartanburg county, by Dr. J. H. Gault, a white man, sixty years of age, killing his wife, first shooting her, and then cutting her throat. He then made two desperate attempts at suicide by cutting his own throat, inflicting dangerous wounds. The alleged motive for the murder was the jealousy of his wife. He has been lodged in jail.