



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 1883.

There are a large number of post-mistresses in the country, and not one of them has ever crooked in their accounts. Moral—Appoint more women to office.

The election in Rhode Island resulted in a victory for the straight Republican candidate for Governor, who beat the combined Independent and Democratic candidates about 2,500 votes.

The Republican convention of this State, to nominate candidates for Auditor General and State Treasurer, will meet on the 11th day of July; the place has not yet been agreed upon by the State Committee.

Does anybody know anything of grave importance that this Democratic reform Legislature has accomplished during the hundred days it has been in session, except piling up a salary of one thousand dollars for each of its members?

It is announced from Harrisburg, where Senator Cameron is now visiting his father, that he will sail for Europe early in May, and will spend the entire summer traveling over the Continent, in hopes of restoring his shattered health.

The Philadelphia Press shows a glimpse of returning sense, in saying, "When the Independent movement can be debased to the ends for which it was employed in Rhode Island, it is high time for Independents everywhere to get vaccinated."

The payments made from the U. S. Treasury, during the month of March—not including payments made on account of the interest or principal of the public debt—amounted to \$20,527,904.23, and as before published, there was \$9,344,826.27 paid of the public debt.

After a protracted investigation, the Senatorial Committee, appointed to ascertain the truth of the charge made by Col. McClure, in his Philadelphia Times, that State Librarian, Delaney, is a "public thief," will report that the charge is utterly unfounded. This ends another of the campaign lies of the "Reformers."

The weather observers assert that we have had the coldest March this year of any year since regular theoretical observations have been made throughout the country. There is one comfort in this affliction: the slow approach of Spring promises an abundant fruit crop. So, while we shiver, the buds dare not show their heads.

There are now sixty persons employed in counting the cash in the U. S. Treasury preparatory to turning over the money bags, from the old Treasurer to the new one. It will require over three weeks' time of these experts to finish the count. After more than a week's counting, a discrepancy of but one cent has been discovered. Such accuracy is remarkable.

Gov. PATTERSON has issued a proclamation declaring the charter of those corporations and companies which have failed to make their returns to the Auditor General within three years, as the law directs, forfeited. The list includes over seven hundred corporations, and the Governor's action will surprise, and carry consternation to many stockholders who have money invested in these delinquent companies.

The Democrats gained a sweeping victory in Chicago last week, in the re-election of Mayor Carter Harrison. Almost the entire press of the city was against him, and the pulpit poured forth its thunders with unstinted breath, but the baser elements all rallied to his support, and he was successful by a majority of twelve to fourteen thousand. The council is also overwhelmingly Democratic.

In Sprague's candidacy for Governor of Rhode Island, was part of General Butler's scheme to secure the votes of the Rhode Island delegation in the Democratic National Convention for himself, as that party's candidate for President in 1884, as was alleged, and as seems probable from Butler's active participation in Sprague's canvass, even the Butler boss has had a serious set-back, as the Sprague Independents and Butler Democrats received a most unmerciful drubbing at the hands of the straight Republicans.

The President last week appointed Walter G. Gresham, of Indiana, Post Master General. The appointment was a surprise to the politicians, but is very generally admitted to be a most excellent one. Mr. Gresham is a lawyer by profession, and is at present Judge of the U. S. District Court for the State of Indiana. He is a veteran soldier, and was made a Major General for distinguished gallantry, and when in command of the Fourth Division of the Seventeenth Army Corps, was severely wounded in the action before Atlanta. He is said to be a very able man, of positive convictions and high character, and his appointment is most cordially received throughout the country, except by a few disgruntled and captious politicians.

The President, Secretary Chandler and several other gentlemen, left Washington last week for a trip to Florida, in search of health and recreation. They expect to be absent a couple of weeks.

The Democratic Congressional apportionment bill, passed third reading in the House, on Tuesday of last week, by a strict party vote, and, of course, will pass finally by the same vote. This bill, giving the Democrats one-half the delegation from the State, and placing Somerset county in a Democratic District, is one of the fruits of the "Independent" movement at the last election. Of course, the Senate will not agree to the bill, and a protracted struggle in conference, with doubtful results, is inevitable. On the firmness of the Senate, rests the only hope of the Republicans for a fair representation in Congress for the next eight years.

We daily come across appeals in a certain class of papers in this State, for Republicans to unite and wrest our good old Commonwealth from the hands of the Democracy. If our memory is not at fault, when, during the last canvass, we pointed out the evils that would flow from Republican division and defeat, we were met with the assertion that the party would be purified by defeat, and be all the stronger for the campaign of 1884. Like the German, who, after the death of his wife, when asked if she was resigned, replied: "Mien Gott! sie had to be!" So it was with us—we had to be—but we have not yet discovered the purification of the party; its regenerated unity by the defeat; or its increased strength for the fast approaching struggle of next year. The mere parrot cry of "unite! unite!" will accomplish nothing. Meanwhile the Democracy are running riot in our State administration; threaten us with the repeal of protection to our home industries at the next session of Congress, and boastfully assume that victory is assured to them in the next Presidential election. Now, let the gentlemen, who, with wide open eyes, wrecked the party last year, step to the front and cement the shattered fragments. As well call spirits from the vasty deep, with the hope that they will appear, as to cry "unite! unite!" with the idea that, of its own accord unity will come. He is a fool that does not understand that it is easier to tear down than to build up.

The "free pass" business has doubtless been abused by railroads, and possibly needed some restrictions placed upon it, but the developments of last week have turned the laugh upon our grave and conscientious Senators, and it will lead many persons to think that they were not just quitters, but were misled by the spurious cry of reform, in passing the bill prohibiting, under severe penalties, the granting of free passes, or passes at a discount, by railroad or other transportation companies. When the bill was passed declaring that, the granting of free passes was contrary to the provisions of the Constitution, and criminal in its character, most, if not all of the Senators voting for it, had at the time free passes in their pockets, which they had used, and therefore by their votes they admitted that they had been criminally violating the Constitution. And when Senator Aul offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Railroad Committee, instead of being promptly adopted, it placed the reform Senators in an unpleasant position:

Whereas, The Senate of Pennsylvania having decided, by a vote of the majority of its members; that the granting of free passes is contrary to the provisions of the Constitution and criminal in its character, therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this body that all its representatives who conscientiously enjoy the courtesy of free travel should so return their passes to the source from which they emanate, and hereafter pay their fare like honest men, who are disposed to practice what they preach.

If the Senators who voted for the bill, did so conscientiously—and we do not doubt but that they did—they should have at once returned their passes to the respective companies, and thereby given evidence that they practice as they preach. But when they refused to do so, they placed themselves in a false position and subjected themselves to the charge of being sham "Reformers." If the principle is right, and if it be unconstitutional, per se, to grant passes, the Senators who have them, and who believe them to have been issued in violation of the Constitution, need not to the most essential letter in London, and in the discovery of an astounding and audacious scheme of nihilists to blow up the royal abode at Moscow. The excitement over these occurrences was not confined to the government officials, but was apparent to the most casual visitor in London. The prompt and active precautionary steps that were taken by government officials were highly commended on all sides. Not only was the postoffice and the neighboring government property put under an increased guard, but the royal household was placed under a special guard, and a man named McKinley, with one named Weekly, were arrested as accessories.

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Hendricks has returned from Florida hearty as a buck, strong on his legs and quite himself again. The Democratic party will please take notice, in looking around for Presidential timber it is well to remember these statements, who have got their second wind.—Philadelphia Record (Ind.)

The South Pennsylvania Railroad Company, which will erect a bridge across the river from the lower section of the city, has awarded the contract to Clark, Reeves & Co., of Phoenixville. The bridge will cost \$3,000,000, and it is said will be almost two miles in length. It will commence at an elevation on the Cumberland side of the river, and maintain this elevation for a considerable distance in Harrisburg.

Senator Cameron's Health and Intentions.—Senator Cameron was in this city yesterday, preparing his business so as to take an extended tour in Europe. He will be accompanied by his wife and daughters, and proposes to remain abroad until the next session of Congress. The party will sail in May. The Senator said yesterday that he did not intend to resign his seat in the United States Senate, and the thought was never entertained by him, because the legislature would choose a democrat to succeed him. His health, however, he proposed to take the best care of himself, and not allow the least matter of business to worry him. It is hardly probable that Mrs. Cameron will return with the Senator in the fall unless his health continues bad. She will remain abroad for a year or more.—Record.

Congressman Hurd, of Ohio, informs the country that the fight between the tariff factions in the Democratic party has only just begun. At least he proposes to do his part towards keeping up the fight. He will be an earlier exodus to the country than usual by those who wish to enjoy their slumbers unbroken during the coming summer.—N. Y. Tribune.

Being caught in a party of friends who were engaged in a "treat," a sensible New Yorker, the other day, when it became his turn, led the crowd into a furnishing store and asked them what they would have. One ordered a shirt collar, another took cuffs, a third asked for a scarf pin, and so on. The whole party felt rather sheepish and the "treat" was not continued, while it is pretty certain that the sarcastic party who administered the deserved rebuke will be omitted in the next grand round.

One of the most striking evidences that the reign of Democratic reform and good government has begun in this State is the present Senatorial apportionment bill now before the Legislature. It is the most outrageous measure of the kind ever laid before the Representatives of any State. Counties are grouped together without regard to anything but the making up of a certain number of seats, in addition, the ratio and population in Republican districts averages 85,000 while in Democratic districts it only averages 65,000. But, we wanted "reform" so badly last fall that we put the Democratic party into power and we ought not to complain, if they give it us in large quantities.—Mercer Dispatch.

Cattle Sale.—CHICAGO, April 5.—There was a large gathering of stock men at Dexter Park yesterday, to participate in the sale of Polled Angus, Galloway, Hereford, Shorthorn, Devon and West Highland cattle, the property of Leary Brothers of Canada, Geo. Whitefield and others. Forty-two head were disposed of for an aggregate of \$19,350, the prices running from \$100 to \$1,000. Only two reached \$1,000 Polled Angus, Fitz James, which sold for \$1,000, and Bushranger, of the same breed, for \$1,150.

Powder Explosion.—RHODES, April 6.—The explosion of the powder depot reported last night, occurred at Moravia, a small village just out of Passo Corcose. Two hundred weight of powder was stored there, to be used in constructing an aqueduct, in a cellar of a brick house in which thirty workmen had quarters. One of these men, having occasion to go into the cellar, lighted a match to aid him in finding his way in the dark, and when it had burned out threw down the stub with its spark. In an instant there was a terrific explosion, and the whole house was blown into the air. The concussion broke all the windows in the neighborhood, and only a few persons in the house of the time escaped with their lives. All were badly mangled.

Cyclone in Arkansas.—LITTLE ROCK, April 6.—A severe wind, rain and hail storm prevailed in Central and Southwestern Arkansas Thursday night, doing considerable damage to buildings and fences and blowing down many trees. Along the line of the Hot Springs and Malvern Railroad the cyclone developed and the force of the wind lifted a passenger coach from the track and sent it down an embankment. Several persons were bruised, but none seriously. Two buildings were blown down at Alexander Station, on the Iron Mountain Railroad, north of Malvern, and the effects of the storm were visible far as Benon. The storm was especially disastrous at Malvern, where a species south of Little Rock, on the Iron Mountain Railroad. A dozen houses and many stables were blown down. The road in the neighborhood is so covered with fallen timber as to be impassable. No lives were lost.

Two Children Burned.—NASHVILLE, April 5.—A negro cabin at Shelbyville was burned at noon yesterday. Two children of Harden and Huggins colors, respectively two and five years, were burned to death. Their mother had left them locked up in the cabin. The fire communicated to the Presbyterian church, which was also destroyed, together with a small brick cottage adjoining. The loss on the church is \$25,000.

CLEANINGS.—Statesmen With Their Beyond Wind.—It is announced with a flourish in the East that Samuel J. Tilden is in vigorous health, having the appetite of a woodchopper and the springiness of a cat. The announcement is countered by a proclamation from the West that the Hon. Thomas A.

PANIC IN ENGLAND.

JOHN BULL GREATLY ALARMED.

Discovery of a Dynamite Factory at Birmingham Five Important Arrests—Additional Troops Sent to Windsor—A Monster Conspiracy to Be Unearthed.

BIRMINGHAM, April 5.—The city police made a raid on a suspected locality in Ledson street, Ladywood, and discovered a factory in which nitro-glycerine was being manufactured. The apparatus for preparing and mixing the explosive compound was constructed on scientific principles, and with all the cunning craft which clearly showed its inventor to be not only a thorough scholar in chemistry and machinery, but also an adept in expedients for avoiding notice and preventing discovery. Among the noteworthy features of the place was a shrewdly devised method for carrying the fumes up the chimney and consuming the odors. It is learned that the premises in Ledson street were taken two months ago by a man named Whitehead, an Irish-American, who had a sign hung out in front of the place indicating that his business was that of a paper-hanger. Whitehead himself was taken into custody when the police made their descent on the den, and is now in close confinement. A considerable quantity of nitro-glycerine was seized by the officers at the same time. Information now in the hands of detectives tends to demonstrate that this place is the central manufactory of explosives, and the most important depot of all internal contrabands in the kingdom. Whitehead is described as a man about 25 years of age, dark in complexion, and with a marked American accent, has been in the habit of purchasing the supplies of nitro-glycerine and acids which were necessary to run the business.

In accordance with the request of the magistracy, the police officers were brought before the magistracy this afternoon, and remanded for one week. The charge placed against his name in the record-book is that of having in his possession explosive compounds and materials, in violation of the law. At the examination on Monday, showing that police detective had followed Norman, who was arrested in London, from Whitehead's house in this city. He took away from Whitehead a box. Among the other material seized at the "paper-hanger's" were eight gallons of a mysterious liquid contained in a tin can, a quantity of nitro-glycerine and a quantity of nitro-glycerine. The prisoner, when arraigned, assumed an air of supreme indifference, and refused to parley with the officers of the court, or even to answer questions.

STARTLING DEVELOPMENTS EXPECTED.—LONDON, April 5.—More precautions are being taken at Windsor Castle. It is even hinted that the whole conspiracy here and in America will be exposed.

There is renewed excitement in London because of a report which comes from Newry, Ireland, where are situated large government infantry barracks, that the sentinel standing guard over the powder magazine last night challenged a man who was discovered scaling the wall. The sentry fired a shot direct at the man. The search for the intruder which followed was fruitless, but the guard was doubled and orders were issued to take every precaution to prevent surprise.

A semi-weekly newspaper, called The City Press, in an editorial published yesterday evening announced that it had received a letter without signature, in which the writer threatened to blow up the government offices. The affair was referred to the police, and late last night English detectives, assisted by members of the Irish Secret Service, succeeded in arresting a man who had in his possession a quantity of stuff supposed to be dynamite. The police regard the arrest as a most important one. This is evidenced by the fact that since it was made precautionary measures have been renewed. Especial attention is now being given to the protection of buildings in which are located the offices of the ministry and of all public officials. Extra sentries have been posted at Windsor Castle, where the Queen is still residing, and about the postoffice. Keen-eyed policemen and detectives are watching every corner where dynamite incendiaries could possibly be expected to work.

The Irish police here have made two further arrests in the suburb of Lambeth in connection with the man arrested last night. The latter is now said to be an American. Nearly half a ton of nitro-glycerine has been seized in London already.

LONDON IN REAGULATION.—The exciting events of the day have crowded on each other so fast that their importance could scarcely be reached until the later hours of the night. The day has been a day of unceasing activity. The happenings included the bursting of the most important dynamite factory ever discovered, the arrest of four ringleaders in London and one in Birmingham, an attempt on a government magazine in Ireland, the reception of an incendiary letter in London, and the discovery of an astounding and audacious scheme of nihilists to blow up the royal abode at Moscow. The excitement over these occurrences was not confined to the government officials, but was apparent to the most casual visitor in London. The prompt and active precautionary steps that were taken by government officials were highly commended on all sides. Not only was the postoffice and the neighboring government property put under an increased guard, but the royal household was placed under a special guard, and a man named McKinley, with one named Weekly, were arrested as accessories.

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THE DISTINGUISHED PHILANTHROPIST'S CAREER ENDED.

An Attack of Pneumonia and His Advanced Age the Cause—Conscious up to the Last Moment.

NEW YORK, April 4.—Peter Cooper is dead. At half-past three o'clock this morning he breathed his last. For a few days he suffered from a severe attack of pneumonia, the first symptoms of which appeared on Sunday last. His age and the nature of the disease made his recovery impossible, though the best physicians of New York city were called to his bedside. He contracted the pneumonia on Saturday last from the exposure he had undergone while attending the meeting at the Cooper Institute.

FURTHER PARTICULARS OF HIS DEATH.—Mr. Cooper was ninety-two years old at the time of his death. He only celebrated his ninety-second birthday on February 12, when there was quite a social gathering at his home. He had been ailing for some time with a slight cold, and on Sunday he was compelled to remain in his bed. His family physician, Dr. J. J. Hull, was at once summoned, and on his arrival at once discovered that his patient was suffering from a severe attack of pneumonia. His advanced years were a great drawback to his recovery. About two o'clock this morning he called his son, ex-Mayor Cooper, Mrs. Albert S. Hewitt, his daughter, and her family to his bedside, saying to them that he knew he had not long to live, and that they must become reconciled to this fact. His death occurred exactly at three o'clock, and he remained conscious up to the time of his demise and made several remarks in relation to his family affairs. Many friends of the family and prominent citizens called at Mr. Cooper's house this morning and expressed sympathy with the bereaved family. Among the many who called to express their sorrow for Mr. Cooper's death were Samuel J. Tilden, Algernon S. Sullivan, Alexander S. Webb and Andrew H. Green. No funeral arrangements have yet been made, but it is thought probably that the burial will take place on Friday or Saturday from the church of All Souls on Fourth avenue. During his last hours Mr. Cooper manifested his interest in his family affairs, and talked to Mr. Hewitt and his son, ex-Mayor Cooper, about the manner in which the work he himself began should be carried on after his death. Information of Mr. Cooper's demise quickly spread throughout the city, exciting feelings of regret wherever it was known. Flags were placed at half-mast on the Cooper Institute, the city hall, the post office building, the newspaper offices and other public and private buildings.

SKETCH OF A PURE LIFE.—Peter Cooper was born in the city of New York, February 12, 1791. With a great thirst for knowledge he had the obstacle of comparative poverty to contend with in his early life. His first business venture was in the brewing business, which he was compelled to forego for lack of means. After this he learned the trade of coachmaking, and followed the business for some years with profit to himself. He was then successfully engaged in the manufacture of cloth-shedding machines, the grocery business and the enterprise of making glue. Each of these vocations he pursued with scrupulous attention and thereby laid the basis of a splendid fortune. He then in 1828 became interested heavily in the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad scheme, at that time threatened with bankruptcy, and by his fearless energy and business foresight got it in satisfactory working order.

THE FOUNDATION OF COOPER INSTITUTE.—About the same time he was elected a member of the board of aldermen of the city of New York, and it was while a member of this body that he conceived the idea of an institution for the free education of needy young men in the science and arts. To the furtherance of this scheme Mr. Cooper, out of his own purse, contributed the great sum of \$700,000, and Cooper Institute took its name from the many moments of his memory that he had devoted to it within the past few years. It was not open until the interior being filled with his efforts for the accomplishment of his great idea. Mr. Cooper's aim in founding the institution was almost exclusively directed to the working classes. It was but one instance of his unselfishness as to do others good. Another of the radical schemes actively fostered during the past fifty years by Cooper was the laying of a submarine cable. As president of the North American Telegraph Company, he gave his active attention to the accomplishment of this idea and after the several disastrous blunders that have now become matters of history his great dream became at last a temporary reality. With the aid of English capital it afterwards became a permanent one. It was originally the saving of men's faith and indomitable will of men like Mr. Cooper and Cyrus W. Field that the object was ever accomplished.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.—PANAMA, March 27.—The Star and Herald prints the following, dated Lique, March 16: "The fire on the 10th inst., destroyed ten blocks and part of four others. The railway offices were burned. The fire was supposed to have been the work of an incendiary. The building and stock are partially insured. The flames spread so rapidly that nothing could be done for the imprisoned animals."

Great Blage.—KENTLAND, Ind., April 5.—This place was last night visited with a destructive fire, resulting in the almost total destruction of the business portion of the town. Twenty firms were burned out. The total losses will be fully \$100,000, half of which is covered by insurance.

A stand fell down with a crash, a number of men it did mash, but the entire lot were soon well again.—St. Jacobs Oil cured every gash.

A baker who lives in Duluth, Went crazy one night with a tooth, He rubbed the gum boil, With St. Jacobs Oil.

It cured him, and this is the truth.

HOTEL HOLOCAUST.

Thirteen Persons Barred in the Ruins—Last of the Victims.

DALLAS, Texas, April 7.—A special night from Greenville says: "Last night soon after midnight a terrible crash was heard, and the cry of fire rang out upon the air. It proved to be the falling in and burning of the Eide Hotel. About forty guests and attendants were in the building at the time, and some who had not retired got out with difficulty. Others were aroused from sleep by the fall and saw a death by fire waiting them. The cries of the imprisoned for help were heard in the extreme. Some escaped and others perished. The hotel, with four or five business houses in the rear, were destroyed. A steamer was telegraphed for from Sherman by our Mayor, and three hours later arrived on the ground. The burning remains of unfortunates are being taken out at this writing, but it is impossible to give the names of the lost.

The hotel, which was kept by N. E. Pruitt, formerly of Jefferson, had been for thirty persons in at the time. Mr. Jeff Mason, City Marshal, was the first on the ground and gave the alarm by firing his pistol. Persons rushing to the rescue met some of the unfortunates escaping in their night clothes. Those who escaped did so with difficulty and some received serious injuries.

The fragments of five bodies have been discovered, among them those of Mrs. Pruitt and Miss Dana. The others were so charred that they could not be identified. Search for the others is still going on. The shrieks for help of those imprisoned in the ruins caused the blood of the hearers to run cold.

The sad event has cast a gloom over the whole town. Business is suspended wherever it was carried on. Memorial service will be held at the Methodist church to-morrow. It is generally supposed the falling building caused the fire to spread to the adjoining building, causing great loss.

Startling Suicide.—NEW YORK, April 4.—Nathan S. Morse, the business manager of the Daily News, shot himself through the heart early this morning. He was in the Park Row building, and died instantly. His health has been impaired by overwork, and for some time he had been a very sick man. Recently sleeplessness was added to his troubles, and it is supposed that his reason gave way at last, and that he was insane when he took his life. He had no family nor no pecuniary troubles so far as known. When he came to the office this morning he retired to an inner room and paced restlessly to and fro. Then the clerks in the outer office heard a shot, and rushing in found Mr. Morse dead on the floor, the ball having penetrated the brain. Mr. Morse was a native of Connecticut and a printer by profession. He was once proprietor of the Bridgeport Farmer, and during the war edited a paper in Augusta, Georgia. After this he came north and assumed control of the business affairs of the Daily News. He was strictly attentive to his business and gave great satisfaction to his employers.

A Queer Request.—WASHINGTON, April 4.—The following letter from a Sioux Indian, at Pine Ridge Agency, Dakota, was received by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to-day:

Sir: I am a friend of the Great Father's, and I have been very attentive to his business and give great satisfaction to his employers. I have noticed the white man cutting wood and I thought I would be like a white