

HOS KNUTE NELSON, of Minnesota, was re-elected to Congress last month by the comfortable Republican majority of 42,000.

Mr. Cleveland likes a certain amount of activity in his offices, on behalf of the party; but he must be "permanently active," like Colonel Stone.

EMERSON says Pennsylvania town are to be taken into the free-delivery system by the new postal bill before Congress. This is an excellent thing for the towns.

The Revenue Commissioners have filed their report, showing a reduction of \$7,120,000 in our State debt during the fiscal year that ended on the 30th day of November last.

The defeated Democratic candidate for Governor of Kansas at the recent election, has been appointed Governor of Wyoming Territory. Sweet are the uses of adversity.

It is definitely ascertained, that the Democratic majority in the House of Representatives of the next Congress will be fourteen. The present House contains a majority of forty-three.

It is asserted that Attorney General Cassidy intends to apply to the courts for an injunction restraining the Pennsylvania and Reading railroads from issuing free passes to members of the Legislature.

We lay before our readers to-day, such portions of the President's message as are of general interest. The document in its entirety is much too long for our limited space. Its verbosity is as great as its author's obesity.

Ohio is so thoroughly satisfied with getting rid of her October elections, that some of her leading journalists are advocating the abolition of spring elections. They want to do all their voting on one day. Make a jump high if, as it were.

The Philadelphia gossip of the press have it, that Governor Patton and his Secretary of State, Stinger, have formed a partnership, and will commence the practice of law in that city as soon as Governor Beaver relieves them of their official duties.

AMONG the Mugwump supporters of the president being discouraged by his course, the New York says: "The Mugwumps will have to stick to him as long as he is going. Under any circumstances whatever, there is no one else for them to support."

A BILL has been introduced into the U. S. Senate which provides for the redemption of trade dollars at par, by the Government. This measure should be railroaded through. It is a shame to the Nation to permit this irredeemable currency to longer afflict the business of the country.

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SPECULATORS on the desire for seats in General Beaver's cabinet, those who profess to be posted say, that the position of Secretary of the Commonwealth is worth \$10,000 per annum; and, that while the salary of the Attorney General is only \$4,000, that few swell the amount to \$7,000, and sometimes more.

The warring Democratic factions in this State are at present engaged in a hair-pulling match down at Washington, over appointments for postmaster at Huntington and Harrisburg. The merits of the applicants do not appear to be so much considered, as the question of their belonging to the Wallace or the Randall wing of the party.

The actual annual profits of the Philadelphia Ledge are computed at \$210,000, which sum Mr. Childs and Mr. Ives, its owners, divide equally between them. The penny Ledge nets a profit to its owner, Mr. Singely, of \$100,000 annually. How these poor newspaper men manage to exist on this pittance, is a mystery to their professional brethren.

SENATOR EDMUNDS' memorial, asking for a constitutional amendment enabling Congress to make uniform marriage and divorce laws for the whole country, is a measure which should be adopted, and one on which there should be no party division. Diverse laws on these important subjects redound only to the benefit of evil people, and to the detriment of the good.

FOLLOWING the policy lately adopted in New York, the Judges of the Common Pleas Courts at Philadelphia have appointed Miss Hollowell a member of the Board of Education from the Seventh ward. Miss Hollowell is an accomplished woman, who has been prominent in good works, and the judges evidently appreciate the fact, that woman is the natural as well as the best teacher.

HIS "BOB" TAYLOR, the recently elected Democratic Governor of Tennessee, was very pithily says: "What we want in the Democratic party is more harmony and more honesty." Which, being interpreted, means more offices than the Democrats have at present. "Bob" has what the Mugwumps call "an unparty grip for spoils," but, at the same time, he voices the longings of his unparty friends.

THE Democratic City Committee of Philadelphia, at their meeting last week, unanimously adopted the following preamble and resolution, as a gentle reminder to the President, that Christmas gifts will soon be in order:

WHEREAS, the recent elections have demonstrated that a Democratic Administration can only be successfully administered by Democrats, therefore,

Resolved, That all persons in federal positions, not in sympathy, politically, with the Administration, should be removed, and their places filled by known and capable Democrats, acceptable to the local organization.

Why all this pernicious verbosity? Why not adopt the old Puritan formula? "Loosed, The earth brings forth no more." That's just about the gist of it, and it's much simpler, and leaves no room for cavil.

ROBBED THE TRAIN.

Three Texas Thieves Terrorize Fort Worth Men. St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The particulars of a train robbery yesterday near Bellevue station, Tex., are that three robbers who were unmasked and made no effort at concealment arrived at the water-tank a few minutes before the train. When the train arrived one of the robbers, with drawn pistol, ordered Engineer Ayres and his fireman and O. G. Miller, another engineer, who was riding in the rear car, to get out of the train. He then ordered them to get out of the train and to take the valuables they had. While this was going on the other two men went through the train. It appears that the passengers in the rear car, who were looking out of the window and saw the operation, went into the train, dividing the situation, went into the forward cars and notified the other passengers of what was going on and told them to take their money. This did not deter the robbers from their work. They did not take any valuables from the passengers, but they did take from the forward cars and the fireman and O. G. Miller, took charge of \$5,000 and other valuables. Mrs. Chamber, of Paulsboro, N. J., received \$3,000 and some diamonds. Mr. Wittick, of Carthage, Mo., took her husband's gold watch and several hundred dollars. Mrs. Wittick was greatly incensed at the proceedings and bodily stood up in the train and asked if forty men were going to be taken into custody for such an outrage at the hands of the highwaymen. About \$12,000 in money and \$4,000 worth of diamonds and other valuables were left by the robbers in their haste to get through the train and escape. They were evidently novices in the business and went away with the paltry sum \$10,000, three gold watches, ten silver watches, five revolvers and one gold ring. The robbers left the train at the rear and the engineer and fireman were stationed near and rode rapidly away. The train was then hurried on to Superintendent Post Work, who immediately replied offering \$250 reward for each robber, and less than an hour five posse of officials and citizens were in pursuit under Sheriff McLean, of Montague, Marshall Black, of Bowie and others. Sheriff McLean says he knows the robbers and has no doubt of his ability to capture them.

Whipped to Death. SAVANNAH, Dec. 9.—A colored laborer employed in a lumber factory in Ogle county have been in the habit of entrusting their wages to the keeping of John Hubbard. On November 16, however, Weaver missed \$200 belonging to himself and several laborers. Hubbard was suspected by his fellow-workmen. They took him into the office and whipped him with a loggy tawny to make him confess. He implicated two other men, but several persons, opposed this strongly and drew so earnestly in behalf of the woman and children on board that the superintendent reluctantly yielded, and when the robbers reached the station and demanded their weapons they quietly gave them up.

A Large Death Toll. WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The Chaplain of the House in his prayer today, referred to the death of Representative Dowdley, of New York, which occurred in that city this morning, of apoplexy. He said: "Again this House has been stricken by the hand of death, and another seat made vacant. To sorrow and comfort the wife and children, rendered desolate, widowed and orphaned. He thus the stay and cheer of them in this sudden and awful bereavement."

Husband and Wife Insane. HENNINGTON, Pa., Dec. 8.—About six months ago the wife of John Stauffer, a prominent contractor of this place, became mentally deranged, and of necessity was removed to her parents' home, at Alexander, Pa. Since her separation from her husband she began to show symptoms of mental unsoundness, which were greatly aggravated by the refusal of his wife's parents to allow him to visit her. Yesterday his malady had increased to such a degree that he had to be taken to the asylum. He is now in jail pending an official investigation into his mental condition.

Killed on the Track. BRADDOCK, Pa., Dec. 6.—The last line on the Pennsylvania railroad going east last evening came thundering along a short curve near the depot, striking a party of four young people who were not aware of the approaching train until it was upon them. Bridget McCarthy and John Toole were instantly killed. Their bodies were terribly mangled and crushed almost beyond recognition. Barbara Conway and Fostina Cook, the other two girls, were thrown from the track, but escaped with slight cuts and bruises. The parties were residents of Brad.

Redemption of Trade Dollars. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—Senator Sewell today introduced a bill for the redemption of trade dollars which provides that for a period of six months United States trade dollars, if they have not been redeemed or stamped, shall be received at their face value in payment of all dues of the United States. For the same period holders of trade dollars on presentation of the same at the United States depositories may receive in exchange like amount in face value of standard silver dollars or subsidiary coin. The trade dollars received shall not be resold, but shall be retained in standard dollars.

Shot His Daughter. PRESTON, Dec. 11.—J. C. Hill, a prominent resident of Edgewood, a wealthy suburb of this city, mistook his daughter for a burglar last night and shot her through the neck, inflicting a dangerous and it is feared, fatal wound. Mr. Hill made collections yesterday of about \$5,000, which he took to his home to keep over night. His daughter, who had a bad toothache, arose early this morning and went down to the library to the fire to warm herself. Her father, hearing the noise, thought burglars were in the house, and, taking his revolver, followed her down stairs. When he reached the door of the library he fired the ball striking his daughter in the back of the neck and passing through the neck. The girl's young lady is in a critical condition, and her father is almost crazed with grief.

A Chief Appointed Postmaster. MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 10.—A special from Racine, Wis., says that Albert Geppert, who was appointed in this city in April, 1881, charged with stealing \$1,000 worth of goods from the Gas Co. Company, writes from Racine, Wis., that he has been appointed postmaster of his town. Geppert confessed larceny and was held for trial in bonds of \$800 which he forfeited. Since that time nothing has been known of him.

A Locomotive Kills Four Men. WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Dec. 10.—A freight locomotive on the Beach Creek railroad here up this afternoon near Jersey Shore station, a few miles from this city, killing Philip Knight, engineer, Allen Ranney, fireman, James Warren, another engineer, and Joseph Fields, a machinist. The engine is a total wreck. The accident is attributed to the bad working of the steam gauge.

Attempt to Burn an Ohio Town. FRENCH, O., December 10.—An organized attempt was made Wednesday night to burn this city. There were seven fires in rapid succession in various parts of the city. Fortunately they all were easily quenched, and a general conflagration prevented. Mrs. Smith, Jacob Twining and George Ramsey have been arrested for incitement. Great excitement prevails.

Dakota Determined to be a State. FARGO, Dak., Dec. 9.—The fact is now openly avowed that the object of the meeting at Huron next Tuesday of the Constitutional convention of South Dakota and state Legislature, with the full staff of State officials, is to contrive a scheme to put the State machine in motion without the consent of the authorities at Washington. The people are now waiting to be admitted into the Union in the regular manner.

A Funeral Followed by a Marriage. OTTAWA, Ont., December 9.—Elizabeth King, of Belleterville, a maiden lady 82 years of age, died Sunday last. She left her fortune, \$100,000, to a young couple, Christie King and Gilbert Allen, on condition that they be married on the day of her interment. They were accordingly married to-day.

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