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## REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

### STATE.

FOR JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT,
HENRY W. WILLIAMS, of Tioga county.

FOR STATE TREASURER,
WILLIAM B. HART, of Dauphin county.

### COUNTY.

FOR SHERIFF,
RUSH S. McMILLEN, of Middlecreek Twp.

FOR PROTHONOTARY,
DANIEL J. HORNER, of Somerset Bor.

FOR REGISTER AND RECORDER,
JACOB D. SWANK, of Conemaugh Twp.

FOR TREASURER,
GEO. J. BLACK, of Meyersdale Bor.

FOR COMMISSIONERS,
DAVID E. WAGNER, of Shade Twp.
GEORGE M. NEFF, of Somerset Bor.

FOR POOR HOUSE DIRECTOR,
JACOB M. FIKE, of Somerset Twp.

FOR AUDITORS,
GABRIEL GOOD, of Somerset Twp.
SAMUEL U. SHOBER, of Somerset Twp.

FOR CORONER,
FRANK WOLF, of Meyersdale Bor.

A LATE London paper states that American tourists annually spend $20,000,000 in England.

THE reduction of the public debt during the month of August amounted to $4,809,475.41.

ROBERT LINCOLN says that he is not seeking a Presidential nomination, but a great many people think that the nomination is likely to seek him.

THE Democrats are making preparations, all along the line to smash the tariff, during the coming winter. They will have lots of fun before the job is accomplished.

THE late California wheat deal furnishes two sources of gratification to the general public. The speculators lost $8,000,000 and the country did not lose a grain of wheat.

THE whiskey ring, in imitation of the other monopolies of the country, is organizing itself into "trust pools." But mind you boys! That don't mean trust for whisky.

THERE is hard horse sense in the remark of Francis Murphy, the renowned temperance lecturer that, "A man must prohibit whiskey himself: the law can't do it for him."

GOVERNOR BEAVER says that if the people want an extra session of the Legislature they can have it, by making the demand, but that so far he hasn't heard any loud call for it.

LAST year the Democratic State platform contained a plank declaring against all sumptuary laws. This year it is silent on the liquor question. Still the Prohibitionists are striving to assist the Democracy into power.

THE talk of Mills and other Free-traders about retiring Randall, when Mr. Carlisle is elected Speaker of the next House, is very amusing, in view of the fact that Carlisle can be elected Speaker, only by grace of Mr. Randall's support.

THE Greenback Labor party held its State Convention at Williamsport on Wednesday of last week, and nominated Charles S. Keyser, of Philadelphia for Supreme Judge and H. L. Bunker, of Hollidaysburg for State Treasurer.

THE President and the Free Trade leaders of his party held a council last week for the purpose of blocking out a bill for the reduction of the tariff during the coming session of Congress. Mr. Randall was not among his counsellors.

THE Chicago *Inter-Ocean* remarks that: "In theory the President believes: 'a public office is a public trust' in practice he believes that 'to the victors belong the spoils,' and 'to the vanquished belong the battle flags' captured during the years of bloody strife."

Consequently how industriously Democratic editors have been denouncing the Grand Army as "shirks," "pensioners," and "frauds," they do not appear to have made much progress in overthrowing that organization as there is now 38,249 members in Pennsylvania, 37,801 in Ohio and 35,941 in New York. The task of wiping out this organization will apparently last them a life time.

THERE is nothing in this world quite so farcical, as the owlish gravity with which the "civil service commissioners" put forth an occasional ruling against official interference in politics, while the Democratic primary elections and nominating conventions are manipulated and controlled by Federal office holders. The contrast between preaching and practicing is where the laugh comes in.

SPEAKER CARLISLE says the Pennsylvania Democratic platform is a "compromise" a mere "evasion" of the direct issues. Come to think about it, the affirmation of the tariff plank in the Chicago platform is rather evasive. Cleveland, Carlisle and other Free-traders construe it as against protection, while Randall and his followers vow that it favors protection—It is in truth a straddle.

THE New York *Times*, a mugwump free trade organ, dolorously whines that a repeal of the internal revenue tax on tobacco is simply to throw away some $30,000,000 of revenue without appreciably benefitting the tax payer, but it is blind to the fact that the repeal of a similar amount of tariff duties will directly benefit the foreign manufacturers, with a corresponding loss to American producers.

SINCE the papers of Mr. Thoebe have been received and examined by the Clerk of the House, it is not so clear that Mr. Carlisle was elected to the next Congress. Mr. Thoebe claims six hundred majority and is going to make a strong fight for the seat. Mr. Carlisle has not yet found it convenient to make answer, and it is observable that his friends have begun to abate their claim that he will certainly be re-elected Speaker, and they are "stating by authority" that he may withdraw his pretensions to the Speakership, and be content with being made Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. All of which shows that Mr. Carlisle has not that assurance within himself that he can retain his seat. The election of a gentleman as Speaker of the House whose title to a seat is disputed, and thus place in his hands the appointment of a Committee to investigate and report upon his claims, would really be making him a judge of his own case, and we presume will hardly be attempted.—Let Mr. Carlisle stand aside until the jury is selected.

A COMPARISON of the platforms adopted by the Republican and Democratic parties at their late conventions shows a widely marked difference on the issues of the day. The republican platform squarely declares in favor of a tariff that will protect American workmen from competition with the pauper labor of Europe. The Democratic platform straddles this issue, and the Free-trade wing of the party, construe it as against protection. The Republican platform openly favors submitting the question of prohibition to a vote of the people. The Democratic platform is totally silent on that question. As between the two, intelligent citizens cannot be misled unless they are wilfully blind.

DURING the campaign of 1884 among the loudest and most persistent howls of the Democrats were, "Abolish the internal revenue taxes," "Take the tax off the poor man's luxuries," "Wipe out the war taxes," "Turn out the swarm of internal revenue officers that are eating up the people's substance." "Now, the Democrats insist that these taxes shall not be abolished, and fiercely demand that the tax on whisky shall not be touched. The "swarm of office holders" necessary to guard and collect these taxes, can all be made contribute and work for Cleveland's re-election, and the whiskey ring, which controls the market is a power in the South and West. The "war tariff" must be reduced say these consistent partisans, but the internal revenue taxes must not be touched, particularly the tax on whisky.

DEMOCRATIC journals are now announcing that at the late conference between the President, Secretary Fairchild, Speaker Carlisle and Congressman Scott of this State there was substantial agreement among these prominent Free-traders on the tariff issue, and as a result of the conference a bill will be ready for introduction in Congress as soon as it shall meet, which will reduce taxation in accordance with the Presidents recommendation. It will be similar to the Morrison bill of last winter, only the reductions in the tariff schedule will probably be lower. To this is to be added a repeal of the tobacco tax as an inducement for the support of the members from the tobacco growing districts. This is to be made an administration measure and it is proclaimed that if Mr. Randall will support it well and good, if not, so much the worse for Mr. Randall, as he will then have left only one or two followers and the bill can and will be passed without him." So, so. Mr. Cleveland is not only going to follow the example of Andy Johnson in "swinging around the circle," but to furtner imitate his tactics with a trial of his "my policy" doctrine. Mr. Randall and his friends, who believe in the doctrine of Protection, are to be whipped in, to the support of a Free-Trade policy, or to be placed in a position of hostility to the Administration, and then read out of the party. Perhaps Mr. Randall can be bitted and spurred and forced into meekly submitting to this deftly devised scheme for his humiliation, and then again, perhaps, the country may be treated to a second edition of the memorable struggle between the people's representatives and an Administration supposed to be entrenched in power through the dispensation of official patronage. It looks as if the history of Johnson's Administration was about to be repeated.

THE Brewers of the State held a Convention at Harrisburg last week and perfected an organization, and declare their determination to fight the Brooks or high license law and all who support it, to the bitter end. In this effort to overthrow the law, they will have the active support of the Prohibitionists who have also arrayed themselves against it. Thus do extremes meet; but in their meeting, how glaring is made the inconsistency of the Prohibitionists. At their late convention held but a few weeks since, they declared that the Republicans passed the high license bill at the instigation of their allies of the liquor interests, and now the lie is given to this charge by the liquor interests striking hands with them to fight the law. The Republicans say that they are in favor of submitting the question of total prohibition to a vote of the people. The Democrats say they are not. But pending the necessary legislation to submit the whole question to a popular vote, the Republicans attempted to restrain the evil, by passing a high license law, whereupon the Prohibitionists attempted to prevent its enactment, and they charge that this is legislation in favor of the liquor interests, and the liquor men, who also opposed the passage of the law, assert that it is against them, and straightway, both fall to denouncing the law, and array themselves in hostility to it. Suppose that, by pooling issues with the Democrats the Prohibitionists could succeed in defeating the Republican party? What would they gain by it, or what prospect of gain can they hold out to the voters? Has the Democratic party ever intimated that it favored prohibition? On the contrary has it not on every occasion when it made an utterance, declared itself against all restraining or sumptuary laws? To merely state the position of these political Prohibitionists is to show its fallacy. The genuine temperance men of the country, the men who truly des re to restrain and abate the evil of intemperance take no stock in this Prohibition party, which has attached itself as a tail to the Democratic kite. It has become a mere obstruction in the path of progress, a refuge for broken down politicians, without the grace to even acknowledge the services of its time worn leaders, whom it sets aside to promote the itching for notoriety and revenge, of a few disgruntled politicians.

So far as Pennsylvania is concerned, it will not for one moment listen to any proposition looking to the absolute abolition of the tariff on "ores, metals, coal, lumber," or any other product of our mines or mountains. We are for protection for protection's sake, and the Mugwumps must not forget it.

CONSTITUTIONAL prohibition has been given a year's trial in Phode Island. The Providence *Journal* has secured reports from all parts of the State as to its workings, the summing up of which shows that drunkenness is just as prevalent under the new law as it was before it was adopted. Liquor is sold on the quiet everywhere.

IOWA Republicans stand by their colors. In their platform they say: "This government, saved from destruction and treason by the patriotism and valor of the Union soldiers, can not afford in justice or honor to deal less than justly with them. It should cordially and promptly bestow, as an obligation of the government and not as a charity, liberal pensions to all disabled or dependent soldiers and to the dependent widows and parents of soldiers."

### A Heavy Lake Storm.

CHEBOYGAN, MICH., September 9.—A heavy storm set in from the West last night, which has continued all day. Trees have been uprooted and other damage done. A large fleet of vessels have run in here for shelter and are now anchored in the harbor. No wrecks have been reported, but disasters to shipping will surely follow the heavy blow.

## A LARGE THEATRE FIRE.

### Fully One Hundred and Fifty Lives Lost in the Exeter, England, Theatre—Fatal Rushes for the Exits.

LONDON, September 5.—By an uncontrollable panic in the theatre at Exeter, to-night, a loss of over a hundred lives was caused. While the attention of the numerous audience was fixed upon the stage it was discovered that a slight fire had started in one of the wings. It could easily have been extinguished and the catastrophe averted if an alarm had not been given, which threw the spectators into wild confusion and terror. The attaches of the establishment bravely exerted themselves to restore confidence and induce the people to go out quietly, but their strenuous efforts were fruitless against the tremendous rush that was made for the doors.

The occupants of the pit engaged in an awful struggle for egress in the narrow aisles. Men and women were deliberately knocked down and trampled upon by those behind them, and hundreds of people were almost entirely stripped of their clothing in the terrible fight for life. The pit was finally cleared, but a large number of the occupants of that portion of the house were seriously injured and presented a horrible spectacle as they reached the streets.

CRUSHED TO DEATH ON THE STAIRS.

It was in the galleries, however, that the full force of the dreadful calamity was felt. They were packed with men, women and children and there was only one exit from the upper tier, which was by a long and narrow stairway. Here an indescribable scene of terror and slaughter ensued. The rush for the stairs was terrific and in a moment the entire passageway was blocked, those persons who kept their feet being supported by a solid mass of prostrate humanity. The shrieks, groans and curses of the imprisoned and the trampled, the wounded and the dying, were heartrending, but there was no relief, and in a moment scores of men and women were either suffocated to death or killed by being trodden upon.

A fire escape was at last brought to one of the gallery windows, and through this medium the pressure was relieved and a great many persons were lowered to the street. As soon as the house had been cleared of the living, the work of removing the dead was begun and sixty bodies were taken out by means of the fire-escape. The wounded survivors were conveyed to the hospital and their number can not at this time be definitely ascertained, but it is very large. The total number of lives lost is estimated at 100, but may exceed that figure.

HOW THE FLAMES STARTED.

The fire started in the flies during the fourth act of the play. When the flames were discovered a drop scene was lowered to prevent the current of air from increasing the blaze. After this was done the actors and stage hands threw open a door to make their escape when the draft caused the flames to burst through the drop scene and ignite the woodwork of the gallery. The flames overtook the hindmost of the unfortunate people who were wedged in the corridor and stairway and literally roasted them alive. There was no escape for them, the fire being at their backs and a compact, immovable mass of human beings in front.

The firemen reached the upper windows and took out all the people they could find, but most of them were dead and many others died soon after they were taken out. The surgeons in the hospitals revived a few persons who were thought to be dead from suffocation, but at 4 o'clock in the morning nearly 100 corpses lay in rows on the floor, and these did not compose the total number of the dead, as a great many bodies were burned to ashes in the theatre. Some of the dead were simply suffocated and not all mutilated or burned. The occupants of the dress circle escaped without injury, the injured and dead being confined to the pit and the upper circles.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY BODIES RECOVERED.

LONDON, September 6, 2 o'clock A. M.—Up to the present 130 bodies have been recovered.

### Cleveland Will See a Sham Fight.

ATLANTA, GA., September 7.—It seems that President and Mrs. Cleveland are to be treated to a grand military display of a unique character during their visit to this city on the 19th of October. Governor Gordon was desirous of arranging a sham battle for the President, and in connection with General Young, who was the youngest major general in the Confederate army, he has perfected the manœuvres for such a battle. Four batteries of artillery, ten companies of cavalry and 6000 infantry will engage. General Young will command the forces. The field covers 70 acres, and the battle will last about two hours, and promises to be a most imposing spectacle. Indications from the Northwest are that thousands of the veterans who fought from Chattanooga to Atlanta in the Union army will attend the reunion, which takes place on October 11 on the Kenesaw mountain.

### A Slight Offense Causes a Murder.

MEMPHIS, September 5.—W. P. Coffman, owner of a saw mill, three miles from Brunswick, had a quarrel with and was struck by James Eastman, a negro employee, and a few days afterward Eastman disappeared and his body was found in the river. At the coroner's inquest Coffman's engineer, a man named Thorn, testified that Coffman, Chas. Weber and Dick Watkins told him that they had Eastman confined and were going to lynch him and they asked him to join them. The three men then drove the negro in front of them to the river and with shot guns and pistols riddled him with bullets. A sack of stones was then placed about Eastman's neck and the body thrown into the river. Coffman is in jail and the other two are at large.

### Damage by Floods in Texas.

MORGAN, TEX., Sept. 9—The continued rainfall in this section since last Tuesday has done great damage to farmers, and it is estimated has caused a loss to the railroads of over $100,000. Several bridges have been destroyed and many washouts are reported. The Texas Central and the Santa Fe roads are the heaviest sufferers. The following business houses, with all the goods, went down the Bosque river:—Seller & Hamiltons dry goods; Sam Franks, groceries; M. McHall, groceries; J. H. Justice saddle shop; Anderson furniture store, and three cotton gins. Nine residences were washed away. Beside these houses, which are entirely gone every house in the town is damaged. Life is all that many citizens have left.

### Extra-Session Talk.

PITTSBURGH, PA., September 7.—While in the city to-day Governor Beaver said the talk about an extra session of the Legislature being called had originated in the newspapers. "So far I have not heard of anybody who wants an extra session," said he. Even the Democrats didn't request it in their platform. They simply deplored the failure of the Revenue bill, and so do all good Republicans; but, for all that, I have not been urged to call the Solons together to remedy the matter. If the people, however, want the Legislature reconvened all they have to do is to make their wish known, and I will gratify them." The *Evening Chronicle* professes to have information that an extra session has been determined upon.

### Horrible Fate of Four Men.

BOSTON, Sept. 9.—While four men were on the deck of the schooner War Eagle, which was loaded with naptha, lying near the wharf, opposite John Cunningham's oil store house, near Chelsea bridge, a terrific explosion was heard. The deck was blown into the air; the men fell back into the flames that shot up. The warehouse was soon destroyed, and the drifting hull set fire to the draw. One man was in the hold. The names of the men are unknown.

### Very Dry Times in Missouri.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 8—Elections on the question of local option were held in nine counties of this state, seven of which voted favor of it. This makes thirty prohibition counties in the state, and eighteen others will vote on local option soon.

### Gored To Death.

HINSDALE, Ill., Sept. 9.—Farmer Lyman, a resident of the southern part of Downers Grove township, was gored to death by a bull on Wednesday.

Mr. Lyman and another man went into the pasture to look at some cattle, when the bull attacked his owner and gored him in a terrible manner. His companion escaped to a barn, and he and another man mounted horses, armed themselves with pitchforks, and galloped back to the rescue. They were too late, however, for Mr. Lyman was dead.

The bull stood near the mutilated body, bellowing angrily. His eyes were rolling, froth was dripping from his mouth, and his tail lashing the air. The excited horsemen charged fiercely upon him with the pitchforks, and after a stubborn fight the bull ran away.

Returning to the body of Mr. Lyman, the men found it terribly mutilated and disfigured. One ear was torn off and he was nearly disembowled. Mr. Lyman's companion says that when the infuriated bull first knocked his victim down, Mr. Lyman lay still and the animal simply walked around his prostrate form, pawing and bellowing. It was then that the witness ran for a horse, thinking that Mr. Lyman would lie still until he should arrive armed. It is supposed that Mr. Lyman got up, and that the act was the signal for the animal to renew the attack which resulted in the death of the unfortunate man.

### Future of The Baltimore & Ohio.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 6.—Samuel Spencer, present first vice-president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, has been settled upon as President Robert Garrett's successor. Mr. Spencer is about forty years old. He began in the B. and O. service as a clerk for $600 a year, worked his way up to chief clerk to Master of Transportation Sharp, went with Mr. Sharp to the Long Island railroad, and was recalled by the Baltimore and Ohio road to fill one of its vice presidencies. He has been chief man in the management under Garrett's administration, and his selection will be with Mr. Garrett's concurrence approval. He conducted the negotiations that ended in the contract with the syndicate. The *American* says editorially that the election "will be generally approved." The election is several weeks off yet, but Spencer will be the man.

To-day Vice-President Spencer said that the syndicate would not dictate to the management of the B. and O. company. Under an existing contract with the Reading road the B. and O.'s freight business to New York is provided for. The passenger business is now being considered, and on this account the B. and O. will not build a road from Philadelphia to New York. Mr. Garrett's position as president of the company is not vacated and there is nobody in this country authorized to speak for him.

### White And Black.

HARRISBURG, Sept. 6.—Peter Wilson, colored, was arrested here to-day, charged with the theft of a watch in Erie. When he was jailed a prepossessing white girl of nineteen called at the mayor's office and shed tears for him. This singular display of sympathy caused an investigation to be made, and it was discovered that the girl's name was Emma Constable and that she and Wilson were engaged to be married. The misguided creature came from Erie a few days ago, where her heart broken mother resides. She was employed in a paper mill, where she met Wilson, with whom she is ardently infatuated.

The couple finally arranged to come to Harrisburg and get married. Samuel Charles Wilson, a brother of Emma's lover, accompanied the pair to this city, and they all went to the house of a colored woman in Ewington, where they prepared for the ceremony which was to make a rather pretty girl the wife of a colored man who has not even honesty and good habits to recommend him. Both brothers have frequently been under arrest for minor offenses.

The girl claims the arrest was made to prevent the marriage and says she will be united to the dusky lover at the first opportunity. The girl attended the Mercer Soldiers' Orphan School.

### Five Men Killed.

BOSTON, September 6.—About 10 o'clock this morning a schooner loaded with naphtha was lying near the wharf opposite John Cunningham's great oil storehouse near the Chelsea end of the Chelsea bridge. Four men were on the deck and one below. Suddenly there was a puff of black smoke, and then a tremendous explosion, and a man on the bridge saw the deck of the vessel rise into the air. In the midst of flame and smoke were the bodies of four men. They were hurled high above the schooner and then fell back into the flames. The fifth man jumped overboard and was drowned.

The flames quickly spread to Cunningham's storehouse, which was soon destroyed. Meanwhile the burning hulk drifted around against the drawbridge and burned away the draw. This shut off the Boston Fire Department and prevented their getting to the Chelsea side. The storehouse belonged to John H. Cunningham. It was 150 feet long by 50 wide and is two stories high. It was filled with oil.

### Rain Extinguishing Michigan Fires.

KOHLER, Mich., Sept. 8.—Tuesday's rain is a godsend to the people of this section, for they have been scourged by fire, night and day, for weeks past On Tuesday it was but certain that the village of Topinabee must go. On Sunday the settlement at Ball post-office was only saved by a change of wind. Many of the settlers had their chattels removed to a place of safety. Nearly every lumber camp in this part of the state has been burned, and only the sparseness of the settlements has prevented disasters that would have eclipsed those of the Huron peninsula a few years ago. On Sunday a strip of country three miles wide by ten long was burned over, and was fought at every step by the settlers. The smoke has been so thick that the other side of Lullett lake has been invisible large portion of the time, and cinders have been blown two and three miles. At present, however, a heavy storm and much rain are scattering the fires.

### A Boiling Well in Georgia.

HARLEM, Ga., Sept. 11.—A boiling well has been discovered near this place. A noise can be distinctly heard down in the well, resembling the sound of a swarm of bees. A glance down in the well plainly shows that it is boiling furiously. A bucket was let down to-day, as the crowd desired to taste the water. When it reached the top all took a sip and pronounced it good. A lighted torch was then left down in the well to see if it contained gas, but as no explosion occurred below it is evident that the well is free from gas. This well was dug about one year ago, and has been acting like other wells until within about three weeks, when it began to boil, and has continued to boil incessantly ever since.

### Visit of Foreign Soldiery.

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 7.—A letter has been received at the Treasury Department from General Beveridge, President of the Internat onal Military Encampment at Chicago, stating that certain troops from Denmark, Sweeden, Norway and Belgium will arrive at New York per Hecla, Christiana and Rotterdam about the 28th inst. en route to Chicago, and that they will leave New York on October 22 on their return home. Acting Secretary Thompson has instructed the Collector at New York to allow free entry of the baggage and effects of the visiting military.

### Mr. Powdrely's Rumored Resignation.

SCRANTON, PA., Sept. 9.—The *Truth*, General Master Workman Powderly's home organ in commenting on the rumor that the Master Workman was about to tender his resignation as the head of the Knights of Labor, say: "It is more than probable that he will, although he is still a young man and capable of doing a greater amount of work than ever."

### Killed By A Tramp.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Sept. 8.—Mrs. Ada Stone, a young married woman, was murdered in her own house at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of August 16. When her husband a carpenter, returned from work he found her dead in the dark corner of the cellar with a cloth tied tightly about her neck and a bad gash over her forehead. He was himself arrested on suspicion. He was released in a few days. Yesterday a tramp, who has been here in jail since August 19, confessed that he committed the crime. His name is Ed. sloed, and he was born in Oswego 19 years ago.

He says he went to the house to get something to eat; that Mrs. Stone refused to give him anything and slapped his face, after telling him to move on; that he was angry and struck her with a club; that she screamed and then he choked her until she was unconscious, after which he dragged her down into the cellar and tied the cloth about her neck to make sure that she would not regain consciousness and give an alarm. He denies any intention of killing her.

After he left the house he boarded a freight car in company with two other tramps, and rode to Canandaigua, where he was arrested as a tramp. Notice was sent to the Rochester officials, who brought him here on Aug. 19 and by frequent conversations cornered him and secured the confession.

### Dried Up.

PARKERSBURG, W.Va., Sept. 11—This season's drouth, which has continued since the 10th day of June with the exception of a short July rain, has been most disastrous in its consequences. The corn crop in this Writ, Ritchie, Jackson, Putman, Pleasants, Calhoun and Roam counties is almost an entire failure. Farmers from these sections say that the ears are very small and but partly filled. The ground about the roots is so dry that it cracks and the roots are exposed. Apples are an entire failure. Nearly all fruits will yield but little. The prices of of vegetables and fruits are increasing and what could be bought for $1 a year ago costs $5 now. Pasture lands are bare and brown. Streams are dry and farmers haul water for miles In a number of instances cattle have died for want of water. A good many farmers are selling stock at whatever they can get, as there is no pasture now and there will be no feed for winter. The tax-collector will meet with a warm reception in some localities for the farmers have no money to pay with and they propose resisting the payment of taxes as long as possible.

### A Church Floor Gives Way.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 11.—A terrible accidents is reported from Nesbmore, a small inland village three miles north of Manchester. Rev. J. M. Carter and Dr. Logan were to speak there yesterday in favor of prohibition. When they arrived they found a big revival in progress and did not speak. The revival was conducted in a two-story church building, the upper floor being used for church purposes and the lower floor given up exclusively to school purposes. Yesterday there was and immense audience in the upper story listening attentively to the exhortation of the minister, when suddenly and without warning the rear end of the floor gave way with a crash, carrying sixty or seventy people with it. The fall was thirteen feet and hardly one of them escaped injury. They were quickly rescued from the wreck and three of them were found to be seriously injured. One man was fatally hurt. Every physician in the county was immediately sent for and the work of relieving the injured promptly begun. No further particulars have been received from the disaster.

### A Runaway Train.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Sept. 12.—As the east-bound express train on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad was going down a steep grade a few miles east of Grafton last night the air-brakes failed to work and the train ran away. When it was going at the rate of seventy-five miles an hour the tender broke from the engine, and, carrying with it two loaded express-cars, plunged down an embankment 100 feet high. The express-cars and tender were totally destroyed. Three other express-cars were thrown from the track, but were not badly injured. A brakeman named A. A. Cooper was caught between the two express-cars that went over, and was horribly killed. A tramp who was stealing a ride was also killed. The passengers in the rear coach were badly bruised, but no lives were lost. The loss is a heavy one.

### The Search For McGabe.

SCRANTON, Pa., Sept. 8.—Sheriff Medland and Deuty Clark, of Wayne county, with a number of deputies early yesterday morning searched the houses of friends of McGabe, the escaped murderer, in Carbondale, it having been announced that he was in hiding there after having escaped from capture last week. The search was unsuccessful, however, but the officers hold to the belief that the murderer cannot much longer escape the vigilance of the excited people. The county commissioners this morning added another $500 to the reward offered for his recapture, making the total amount $1,500. Several bloodhounds have also been set upon his trail, and it is hoped by their aid to run the condemned man down. The excitement continues strong in Wayne county, and the people are lending all the assistance possible to the officers in their work, now that there is some prospect of securing the murderer.

### A Tennesse Sensation.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Sept. 7.—Several years ago Marsh L. Polk robbed the State Treasury of Tennessee of several hundred thousand dollars while serving as State Treasurer. He fled, but was subsequently arrested and retured to Nashville. In due time he was reported to have sickened and died. His body was shipped from Nashville to Bolivar, Tennessee, where it was buried. Now comes the news that one Gamble, a prominent citizen of Annistown, Ala., has just returned home from an extended visit in the City of Mexico, and while there he met Polk on the street and talked with him. He made further investigations and found Polk in business in that city. The affair has created no little excitement in this part of the State.

### A Mountain Water Spout.

SUN RIVER, Mont., September 7.—By a water spout on Carless Creek, in Meagher county, 1,200 sheep, principally spring lambs, were drowned. A son of Judge Hedges, of the Helena *Herald*, was at Home ranch, some miles below, where the sheep were, and hearing the roar of the coming flood he tried to reach his horse that was picketed in the creek bottom, but before he could rescue his horse the flood was upon him and swept the animal away before his eyes. His other stock of horses and cows all escaped, but considerable fencing was swept away. At the lowest estimate, the loss will reach $30,000 or $40,000, and sets them back a full year.

### Heavy Losses By Lightning.

NEW CASTLE, Sept. 8.—Reports are received here to-day show that last night's storm was the most destructive that has passed over this county for many years. No less than seven houses and barns were either damaged or entirely destroyed by lightning and three valuable horses and a number of cattle were killed. The gentlemen's furnishing goods store of R. B. Whaley, of this city, took fire during the storm and was entirely gutted.

The total losses will probably reach $12,000, nearly all of which is covered by insurance. The West Chester and Union Company of Philadelphia, are among the heaviest losers.

### Virginia Democrats Seek Colored Allies.

RICHMOND, Va., Sept. 6.—Hitherto in primary elections the Democrats have refused to allow the colored people to vote at all. At the primary to be held next week in this city it has been decided to permit the negroes to vote provided they pledge themselves to support the ticket nominated. This will be an interesting event in Richmond and indicates that the Democratic party in Virginia is ready to take in any allies who may help them to secure a majority in the next Legislature, which is to be elected in November.

### A Tornado's Freaks.

TOLEDO, Sept. 7.—The tornado which visited this section yesterday originated in Southern Michigan. It first struck Sylvania, a village ten miles North of here, blowing down two gas-well derricks and wrenching a boiler from its foundation. One farmer had fifty acres of fine timber all blown down. A brick school-house at Michie was destroyed. The track of the tornado was South by East from here along the line of the Toledo and Ohio Central Road and is from 100 to 200 yards wide. No fences or tall trees are standing. Corn is scattered and houses and barns are unroofed for miles. At Waterville and other villages to the Southward much damage was done and the total damage will amount to many thousands of dollars. No loss of life is reported.

The slate roofs of a number of the buildings were badly damaged, and the towering chimneys of the main building of the insane asylum were blown down, crushing in the roof. The total loss to the asylum is $8000. Dr. Embury, assistant superintendent of the asylum, was driving in the grounds at the time, his wife and little daughter being with him. The buggy was overturned and all three were thrown out. The doctor held on to the horse, which, with the vehicle, was lifted and carried several rods. His wife and child were carried over 100 feet and dropped into a ditch in two feet of water, from which they were rescued unhurt. A Wabash train met the centre of the tornado and and the smokestack of the locomotive was carried off.

TORNADO IN NEW YORK STATE.

SARATOGA, N. Y. Sept. 8.—One of the severest storms ever experienced in this section raged in Saratoga Springs this afternoon from 1.30 o'clock until 1.50. Considerable damage resulted. Previous to a down-pour which deluged the village, heavy black clouds were observed gathering in the South, and they advanced with great rapidity. Thunder and lightning announced the approaching storm, and soon it burst with all its fury. For the first few moments the rain fell in sheets so dense that objects a few feet away could hardly be distinguished. A driving wind added an accompaniment to the pelting rain drops, and everything movable felt the effect of its force. The tail-end of the storm developed into hail, which completed the damage started by the rain.

FATAL EFFECTS IN OTSEGO.

UTICA, N. Y., Sept. 7.—A severe storm passed over Worcester, Otsego County, to-day. Amos Cornell was lifted off his feet by the wind, thrown against a barrel twenty five feet distant and was killed. Two other men were severely injured, and four houses and barns were destroyed. The crops suffered greatly.

DAMAGE AT BINGHAMPTON.

BINGHAMPTON, N. Y., Sept. 7.—About 2 o'clock a tornado visited this city. It lasted only a short time, but its effects were quite serious. Trees and chimneys were blown down all over the city. At the asylum for the Chronic Insane a new building in course of erection was damaged by the wind to the extent of several hundred dollars.

### A Treasurer's Safe Robbed.

GREENVILLE, O., Sep. 9.—The safe here in the office of Treasurer of Darke county, John S. Simon, was found open this morning and $48,000 missing. Mr. Simon went to Versailles last night, to visit his father, but returned to-day. He gives no version of the affair except to make out a robbery has been committed unknown to him. He weeps and appears to be in great distress. His shoe store, containing a large stock, has been closed by the Sheriff. The Commissioners ordered an investigation immediately by Prosecutor Elliott, a Democrat and Lawyer M. T. Allen, Republican, and Treasurer Simon and his son Harry were arrested and brought before Squire Meyers, the former charged with embezzling $35,000 and the son with grand larceny to the amount of $40,000. Examination was waived, and the Treasurer gave $5000 bail and the son $3000 for their appearance at the next term of Court.

Simon has twenty-nine bondsmen, about twenty of whom are regarded as good. He has been in the office four years, and the new Treasurer, Henry Bickel, was to have taken charge of the office this morning.

Captain Godsuch, who has been employed as night watchman at the Treasury, says the safe was all right and securely fastened Saturday night. Yesterday morning while asleep at home, he received a note from Mr. Simon, carried by the son of Treasury Clerk Sullivan, ordering him to give the boy the key to the door leading to the Treasury-room from the hall, and he did so. Coming to the Treasury about 7 o'clock in the evening he found the hall door open, and on entering the room discovered the vault door open. Closing it, he remained in the room all night without giving any alarm.

Mr. Simon's son Harry was the first in the Treasury this morning and was the first to give the alarm. Treasurer Simon was in the Treasury yesterday, and it is claimed that he set the time-lock. No one else knew the combination of the inner safe doors leading to the money vault. The combination was not injured.

### Mrs. Cleveland Declines.

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—In reply to the invitation of Mayor Hewitt and others requesting her, on behalf of the donors of certain flags to be presented to the Fire Department, to deliver the colors mentioned on such a day in September as might suit her convenience, Mrs. Cleveland replies:—

"It would certainly afford me pleasure to contribute in any degree to the significance of this occasion, and to the satisfaction of the brave and gallant men whose services are thus to be recognized. I hope, however, that I shall not be misunderstood when I base my delcination of your kind invitation upon my unwillingness to assume that I, as the wife of the President, ought to participate so prominently in a public ceremony in which he took no part."

### King May Be President.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 10.—John King, Jr., president of the Erie road, has been assured by the directors who have the controlling votes, that he can have the presidency of the Baltimore & Ohio road at his own price. It is conceded that Garrett will resign, and save loss of prestige and prevent humiliation to the Garrett family, the offer will be tendered to Mr. King, who is a nephew of the late Mrs. John W. Garrett. The only thing now in the way is whether Mr. King can consistently, with his sense of duty, abandon the management of the Erie. Baltimore & Ohio stock advanced to-day to 135.

### Four Days in a Freight Car.

LOUISVILLE, September 11.—When the door of a freight car belonging to the N. Y., P. & O. R. R. was opened in this city yesterday a young man fell fainting upon the platform. The man after a time explained that he had been in the car four days without food or drink. He said his name was Paul Gorman, and that he lived in Jamestown, N. Y. He had gone to Buffalo on a spree with several friends, and when he sobered up he found himself whirling along at a rapid rate, locked up in a freight car.

### A Panther at Large.

GENEVA, Ill., Sept. 4.—Great excitement prevails here and at Batavia over a panther, which it is supposed escaped from some menagerie and is now roaming about in the woods between the two places. It has killed half a dozen dogs, two cows and exhumed several bodies from the East Side Cemetery at Batavia. It has been seen by several persons, and last night a man named Huntly shot at it as it was prowling about his house. Large hunting parties are in search of it, but thus far without success.

### Big Fire at Lewiston.

LEWISTON, Pa., Sept. 11.—The Pennsylvania railroad's new round house, machine shops, five locomotive and six tanks at the junction near this place, were destroyed early this morning by fire supposed to be incendiary. Favorable winds and the application of salt saved Boyd & Stickney's extensive stock of coal and shutes. The loss is estimated at $65,000.

### A Drover Murdered for His Money.

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 12—Last Friday afternoon Wm. McCausland, of No. 40 West Market street, Allegheny, who was a drover by occupation, started up the river on the steamer James G. Blaine to purchase some sheep. He landed at McCan's about 8 a. m. Saturday and proceeded up the road, being met by a farmer walking along about three minutes before the murder was committed. The latter heard two shots and some ten minutes afterward McCausland was found lying at the foot of a well by the roadside shot through the left hand and the left ear. His pockets were turned inside out and two pocket-books, emptied of the contents, were found in the ravine near the body. McCausland only lived twenty minutes after being found and could not speak. Two revolvers were found near the murdered man one with the initials "J. C." cut in the butt and the other with McCausland's full name engraved.

No clue has as yet been discovered to the identity of the murderer, unless the revolver found, a large-sized 38-calibre, can furnish one.

### Storm In Arizona.

TUCSON, ARIZ., Sept. 10.—The storms of Thursday and Friday were the most severe ever known this section. Five miles of the Southern Pacific track between this point and Benson were washed away. Two large bridges over Cenango and Rillita rivers were destroyed. The telegraph wires are down and in some places are embedded ten feet in the sand. Steel rails are carried a quarter of a mile down the river and rescattered for miles down the stream. Southern Pacific trains are being run over the Atlantic & Pacific road. Washouts are also reported all along the line from Tucson to Yuma. From parties in from San Pedro and Rillita rivers it is learned that the flood is the worst ever known in Arizona, and many old landmarks have been washed away and fields of grain swept over. The Southern Pacific officials say that travel over the road cannot be resumed for a week.

### Blaine Not a Candidate.

CHICAGO, Sept. 9.—The *News'* special cable from Hamburg says that Mr. Blaine was recently a guest of Mr. Seligmann, banker, at Frankfort, a connection of the New York bankers. Mr. Seligmann was escorting his distinguished guest through the various banking institutions of the city, introducing him at first as the "coming President of the United States." As Seligmann recounts the experience, Blaine presently objected to this, and assured him smilingly that he was not a candidate. "But my brother tells me," persisted Seligmann, "that you are sure to be elected." "I have no idea of allowing my name to be used," said Mr. Blaine. "I am not seeking the Presidency, nor would I take it as a gift."

### 45,000 Miners Strike.

HAZELTON, Pa., Sept. 10.—The 15,000 mine employes of the Lehigh region closed operations this evening, and are determined not to return to work until the operators shall consent to arbitration or shall yield to their demands. The conference to-day at Pottsville between the Joint Committee and Superintendent Whiting, of the Reading Coal and Iron Company, did not result in a settlement and another meeting will be held next Wednesday. Both sides are confident that the grievances presented can be settled