

ST. LOUIS GETS THE CONVENTION.

The Republican National Committee met in Washington, D. C., yesterday, and on the fifth ballot decided on St. Louis, Mo., as the place, and June 16th as the date of holding the Republican National Convention.

Pittsburg had 9 votes in the Committee, which went to St. Louis on the last ballot.

CUCKOO HARTER says the present revenue will last until 1898. What, the revenue from bonds?

THE TURKS are doing the best they can to make Armenia a dead issue, while diplomacy is engaged in delicately adjusting its eyeglasses.

THE President has nominated Judge Rufus W. Peckham of New York to succeed Judge Jackson on the Supreme Bench. It is expected that Senator Hill will not oppose his confirmation by the Senate this time.

POSTMASTER GENERAL WILSON has lifted up his cuckoo voice to defend the Gorman bill and criticize Reed. The only way to answer Wilson is to quote his words against him. This is enough. Everything he says about the Gorman law is just so much crow.

SENATOR QUAY has introduced a bill in the United States Senate amending the pension act of June 17, 1890, so as to grant a pension of eight dollars a month to the widows of soldiers and sailors, and eight dollars a month for each child under sixteen years, dependent on either the widow or children of such soldiers or sailors who served ninety days or more in the army or navy.

We notice with a good deal of gratification that Hon. Paul W. Brown is announced in the Warren county papers for re-election to the legislature from his county. Judge Brown was one of the sturdy members of the last House, and if the people of Warren county want an honest, conscientious and fearless representative at the State Capital; one who has the courage to stand up for the rights of his people under all circumstances, they will return him without a dissenting vote.

AN article about the Sultan of Turkey says that he cooks his own food—not that he's so awful nice about his victuals, but because he's afraid of a knock-out dose, such as twisted up the "innards" of the great prophet, Mohammed. It seems tough that the great Abdul Hamid has to do his own kitchen work when he has 3,333 wives lolling around chewing candy. He'd feel sadder still if he only knew that more people would enjoy attending his funeral than that of any prominent citizen now in official life.—Franklin News.

In a recent interview Commander-in-Chief Walker, of the G. A. R., stated that the National Pensions Committee appointed by himself would ask for some important pension legislation during the present session of Congress. "In the first place," he said, "we shall ask that the pensions be made specific in character and relief so that it will not be left to an arbitrary board to determine whether a man is entitled to a pension or not. When a pension is fixed it should not be afterward reduced or taken away, though it frequently happens that evidence is secured which allows of its being increased. Another thing we want is uniformity in widows' pensions. We ask that these pensions be made uniform at \$12 per month. We also ask that the dependent clause in widow's pensions be changed."

A FEW days after Lord Salisbury, the English Premier, declared in a speech that free trade has almost killed agriculture in that country, Ambassador Bayard, at Edinburgh, denounced the protective system as the sum of villainies, and the recent verdict of the American people in their elections as a pitiable exhibition of weakness and folly. Lord Salisbury speaks of a deplorable fact which every intelligent Englishman views with dread, while Mr. Bayard pours his wrath upon his countrymen for removing from power a party bent on policies admitted to be ruinous abroad, and fast demonstrating their blighting effects on this side of the Atlantic. Mr. Bayard is not where he can be reached readily by the ballot, but if the case were otherwise he would be buried under a mountain of votes as the worst representative the United States has ever had in a leading foreign nation.

THE farmers who have been selling potatoes at 15 cents a bushel, wool at ten cents a pound and wheat at 50 cents a bushel had most to do with winning this triumph. Times have been growing worse and worse among these men with each new year of Democratic policies, and this accounts for the ever-increasing numbers in which they are flocking to the Republican standard. They want the McKinley law restored.—Buffalo, N. Y. Express, November 3, 1895.

THE Turks have massacred in cold blood about fifteen thousand Armenian Christians and left twice as many more in a starving and destitute condition, by taking away the bread-winner of the family. The Mohammedans regard it as a sacred duty to exterminate the "infidel dogs" as they designate the Christians, and their religion teaches them that the faithful who die while engaged in this bloody work go straight to Paradise. The great Christian powers, Russia, Great Britain and America, have been entirely too lenient with these butchers. The sort of bigotry and fanaticism that permits the murder of men on account of religious opinions should not be tolerated for a moment, and the killing of one follower of Christ on account of his faith, should be the concern of every humane and intelligent man on earth. It is time that the pitiable excuses of the Hon. Abdul Hamid for the massacre of his Christian subjects be spurned as the contemptible subtleties that they evidently must be.—Punchy Spirit

THE special election in the Forty-eighth Legislative District of Kentucky on Saturday leaves the Legislature of that State a tie on joint ballot. The Republicans have sixty-eight members, the Democrats sixty-eight and the populists two. One Populist has announced his intention of voting with Republicans and the other is expected to act with the Democrats, so there is likely to be a deadlock when it comes to the election of a United States Senator. In any event there is no possibility of the re-election of Blackburn, as some of the Democratic members are as strongly opposed to him as the Republicans are. Under other circumstances the Republicans would have carried Saturday's election, but the nice sense of honor shown by the Democratic candidate who was elected in November but resigned when charges were made that he succeeded only through collusion with his opponent doubtless brought him many votes. He has the satisfaction of knowing that the people have emphatically indorsed his course in refusing to accept an election on which there was the least stain of dishonor.

Ambassador Bayard Denounced. In my own country I have witnessed the insatiable growth of a form of socialism styled Protection, which has done more to corrupt public life, to banish men of independent mind from public councils, to blunt the public conscience and to lower the tone of national representation than any other single cause.—Ambassador Bayard's address before the Edinburgh Philosophical Institute

Now, without saying a word in favor of protection, it is still desirable to ask whether this denunciation of it comes fitly from an American Ambassador in England. He is there as the Ambassador, not of Free-Traders, not of the Democratic party, not even of a Democratic administration, but of the United States. Protection, mistaken policy though it be, is the policy of a great party which represents half the people of the United States. It is, then, for the American Ambassador to announce in England that half the American people are wedded to a policy which is corrupt and corrupting? To say it at home is one thing; to say it abroad is another, and for an Ambassador so say it is to use his great office to disparage in the view of England the country he represents.—New York Herald.

Ambassador Bayard's denunciation of the "corrupt public life" exhibited by leaders of his party when they passed the Gorman Tariff, a "corrupt public life" that was tacitly connived at by his party's President, has caused the Herald to squeal. In any event the rebuke is timely and well deserved. Mr. Bayard's remarks were an impertinence and show him unfit to represent the American people.

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