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WHAT OUR NATIONAL LAW MAK-ERS ARE CONSIDERING.

Some of the More Important Work of the National Congress-Bills That the Committees Report Favorably Upon-Washington Topics.

The House has unseated Gaston A Robbins, a Democrat from the Fourth Alabama District, and seated in his stead William F. Aldrich, a Republican, who has been three times a con-testant from the same district, on the

ground of fraud. Senator Bacon has introduced an amendment to the Puerto Rican bill extending the customs laws of the United States to Puerto Rico, and add-ing a provision for free trade between the ports of the island and the United

The House Committee on Foreign Affairs has reported the bill for the reorganization of the Consular service on a civil service basis.

A full attendance of Senators and an unusually large number of auditors in the galleries greeted Senator Lodge March 7 when he spoke on the Philip pine question. The speech was lengthy, and soon after its conclusion Senate adjourned out of respect the memory of Representative

The conference report on the Financial bill has been agreed to in the Senate by a vote of 44 to 26.

Senator Nelson has introduced an amendment to the Porto Rico bill

extending the customs laws of the United States over the island of Porto

Senator Hoar has given notice of an amendment he will offer to the Diplomatic Appropriation bill providing for the payment of \$250,000 to Liliuo-kalani lately Queen of the Hawaiian

In the House March 5 there was a In the House March 5 there was a sharp parliamentary struggle between Mr. Bailey, of Texas, and Speaker Henderson over a bill to incorporate the "Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical Association," some features of which the Texas member objected to. Mr. Underwood (Dam of Alabama.) was apderwood (Dem., of Alabama,) was appointed to the vacancy on the Committee on Ways and Means, which it was understood was originally re-served for General Wheeler had he returned to Congress.

Senator Davis, of Minnesota, has senator Dayls, of Minnesota, has offered an amendment to the Porto Rican tariff bill granting free trade to the island and extending to it the provisions of the Constitution, while implying that such privilege cannot be extended to the Philippines except by legislative action.

Representative De Vries, of Cali-fornia, has introduced in Congress a joint resolution for the repeal of duties on white or printing paper, and on the materials from which it is

BURIED IN A MINE.

Terrible Disaster in West Virginia-The Dead.

At the Red Ash Mine, in the New River region, West Virginia, an explo-sion near the entrance resulted in the entombing of 100 miners. Thirty-seven bodies were recovered and a large rescuing party is at work. Cause of the explosion has not yet been as

Mourning, hungry women and children have all day surrounded the opening of the mine from which heroic rescuers, succeeding each other as staggered out exhausted, have taken

It is estimated that forty men-dead or alive, are in the mines—a living tomb whose slab is huge masses of coal, slate rock, earth, crushed timbers. It is almost vain to hope that any of these forty will survive, for

the mine is on fire.

One can better understand the effect of the calamity when it is stated that four-fifths of the miners were married. It may be added that the vast majority were white men.

The Red Ash is a large drift mine and was heavily timbered. The explosion occurred near its mouth, and its frightful force blew the bodies of a few men, threw mules and coal cars into the air. Part of a man's body was found on the limbs of a tree sixty yards from the mouth of the

The great side supports of the en-rance were smashed. The fall of trance were smashed. The fall of debris formed an almost impenetrable But the rescuers attacked this and after two hours' desperate work took out ten men, seven dead,

three dying.
Of the dead three were Black
Long and his two sons. Long's widow maniacal for awhile.

There was no use for caskets. As the black and mangled corpses were taken from the mine they were laid in a blacksmith shop on the mountain side. The bodies were unrecognizable. So the grief of the women waiting there was the more extreme, for their was nothing on which to spend its force. Each woman prayed a burned piece of clay was not her man; each woman decided it might be.

Mine Inspector Pinckney refuses as yet to make a statement as to the probable cause of the explosion. John Laing, the superintendent, came out utes before the catastrophe. Laing thinks the fire-damp gas was ignited by a miner's open lamp.

At the Carlisle plantation, near Chappell Hill, Texas, King Howard, in a fit of jealous rafe, struck his wife with an iron bar, breaking her neck. The man then shot Luke Taylor to

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS.

Events of the Week Told in a Few

Members of the Democratic National Committee expect that the Kansas City Convention will finish its work

in three days.

Manila advices show that seven Manila advices snow that seven
Americans were killed recently in
fighting with the Filipinos in Panay.
A funeral service for ex-Minister
Phelps was held in Battle Chapel at

Yale Sunday, ex-President Dwight de-livering the address.

The Prussian railways have ordered

165 locomotives and 1.100 freight and baggage cars, but the pig iron syndicate at Berlin announces that it can meet only seven-twelfths of the orders for 1901. Queen Victoria's progress from

Windsor to Buckingham Palace was made the occasion for a remarkable outburst of enthusiasm and loyalty on

the part of the people of London.

There are rumors in Berlin that the Reichstag is to be dissolved, and that the Government will yield to the Agrarians on the Meat bill, as the Emperor has become convinced that their votes will be needed for the Naval bill.

It is stated by intimate friends of General Harrison that he is chag-rined that his name should be so freely used in the newspapers of the country in connection with public questions now under consideration, and especially that he should be made to appear as an opponent of the Adminis-

A Chinaman at San Francisco died of what is thought may be bubonic plague, and the whole of Chinatown is now under quarantine. It has been decided that Queen Vic-

toria will visit Ireland next month, staying at the Vice Regal Lodge in

General Corbin has turned over to Mrs. Lawton, widow of Major-General Lawton, the fund subscribed by the people of the country. It amounted to \$98,432.07.

The Pennsylvania State Shoe Manufacturers' Association has adopted res-olutions protesting against the duty on hides and leather.

Ex-President Cleveland has left Princeton for New York on a pleasure

trip to Florida.

The National Convention of the Social Democratic party mentions Eugene V. Debs as the Presidential nominee.

Creditors of the firm of Pulsifer, Cook & Co., paper dealers, have met at Boston. A committee reported that the firm should pay 25 per cent. The report showed assets \$143,985; liabilities, \$259,567; contingent liabilities. \$24.010.

The Postoffice Department has announced that on March 15 fifty-seven additional cities will begin the system of registration of letters by car-

Paul Blouet (Max O'Rell) at Memphis, Tennessee, has been attacked by catarrh of the stomach. He will bring his tour to ac lose and go to Paris for treatment.

The cruisers Detroit and Marblehead have been sent to Central America on the account of the occurrence of a disturbed state of affairs.

The British cruiser Hermes, reported off Cat Island, Bahamas, with her shaft broken, has arrived at Nassau. Her boiler was also damaged.

The United States transport Grant has arived at San Francisco from Manila with 201 sick soldiers, twentyseven discharged men and twenty-seven cabin passengers. Six deaths

occurred during the voyage.

Police Magistrate Mott has held
Olga Nethersole, Hamilton Revelle, Marcus Mayer and Theodore Moss for trial, on the charge of presenting an immoral play, "Sapho," at Wallack's Theatre, New York. Bail was fixed at

The Comptroller of the Currency has declared a dividend of 20 per cent. in favor of the creditors of the Globe

National Bank, of Boston, Mass.
Another death from bubonic plague has occurred at Sydney, New South Wales.

DEATH RECORD.

William J. Vermilye, who had been treasurer of the Goodyear Rubber Company for a number of years, and plant in Middletown, Connecticut, is dead from pneumonia, aged 58.

Dr. John Friederich. 55 years of ge, founder, publisher, and editor age, founder, publisher, and of the American Swiss Gazette, of

Broadman Shaw, father of Governor Shaw, of Iowa, died at his home at Morrisville, Vermont, aged 84 years.

Major James B. Washington, one of

the oldest officials of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and said to be the nearest collateral relative of George Washington, died March 6 in Pitts-

burg. Representative Alfred C. Harmer, a member of Congress since 1871 with

member of Congress since 1871 with the exception of a single term, is dead in his 75th year. Elida Wilbur, who has been asleep more than two years, is dead in San Francisco, Cal.

Highest Wages in Thirty Years. The settlement of the Amalgamated Association wage scale for March and April has been made and resulted in an increase from \$5.75 to \$6 a ton for puddling in Penrasylvania. This gives an advance of 4 per cent. to finishers, making an increase of 12 per cent. since July 1, or 37 per cent. over last year's scale. This is the highest rate paid for puddling since 1870, and affects several thousand men in Eastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. The scale was based on the selling price of bar iron for the preceding two

WILL MAKE AN ATTEMPT.

Women and Scientists Bound for the Klondike on Automobile.

Eight hundred miles, more or less, across the icy wastes of Alaska into the heart of the Klondike by automo-This is the task that three scientific Frenchmen have set out to ac

These daring travelers are E. Janne de Lamare, an officer in the French Academy of Arts and Letters; E. Crom, a journalist, and M. R. Merville, champion motor-cyclist of the world and member of of the National Con-servatory of Arts. MM. de Lamere and Crom have been to the Klondike

A woman, already known to Klon-dike fame and fortune—Mrs. Roswell P. Hitchcock, author and explorer—says that she will accompany the au-

the side will accompany the du-tomobile expedition.

The gold hunters brought with them an automobile of five horse-power, which is run by gasoline, and a motor-tricycle of three horse-power, run by

In describing his plans, M. de Lamare said he intended to substitute runners for the rear wheels of his automobile and place a rim with saw automobile and place a rim with saw teeth to the front wheel. The power applied to the front wheel will enable the teeth to maintain a purchase on the fee while the runners slide swiftly along, imparting momentum to the automobile sleigh. In the wake of the automobile will be dragged a sleigh, on which are to be borne the camping outfit of the travelers, fifty gallons of gasoline, duplicates of the automobile parts and a tandem bicyle, to be used for exercise or warming up.

It is intended to travel from Dyea

by rail and pass to Bennet Lake, where the automobile journey proper will begin. From Bennet Lake the route will lie to Atlin City, a distance of 112 miles. This stage M. Lamare hopes to accomplish in one day. From Atlin to Dawson the distance is 650

On the return trip from Dawson in the fall, M. de Lamare will transform his automoble into another type of conveyance. He will place the driving machinery of his automobile within a canoe, substitute paddles for wheels and sail by gasoline power to

FIRE RECORD.

The Theatre Francais, the historical playhouse of Paris and home of the Comedie Francaise, was burned March 8. Many works of art were destroyed, and a portion of the invaluable library of manuscripts was burned. One person, a young actress lost her life.

Fire at Lead, South Dakota, March destroyed about forty buildings, including a number of dwellings, and caused a loss of about \$500,000. The plant of the Payne Engine Com-

pany, at Elmira, N. Y., has been destroyed by fire; loss, \$100,000. A falling wall struck three firemen, one of whom was cut on the head. The others were badly bruised.

Fire at Kingston, New York, has destroyed a large, four-story, brick building owned by Louis Etting & Sons. The American Express Company's office, A. Carr & Sons' undertaking establishment and the "The Arcade" were also damaged. The loss

will reach \$75,000.

Fire March 5 destroyed the four-Fire March 5 destroyed the four-story building at 44 Flatbush avenue, Brooklyn, N Y., occupied by Harden-bergh & Co., carpet dealers, and ad-joining property. Loss, \$60,000. Fire destroyed the building of the

American Linseed Oil Company Chicago March 6. The loss is \$50,000

Vaults of the Farmers' Bank, at Farmington, Iowa, have been robbed of about \$17,000.

NEW YORK MARKETS. Flour and Grain.

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REEDER SELECTS NEW QUARTERS.

More Desirable Building For the Republican State Com-

They Are Lining Up With the Party Organization in Preparation for the Republican National Conven-

Compete the property of the purpose of the present of the present quarters. After an inspection of several state committee, came to town a few days ago for the purpose of selecting new headquarters for the Republican state committee. The lease on the present quarters, on Walnut street below Thirteenth, will expire shortly, and as it is the intention of the owners of the property to tear the structure down and rebuild for an apartment house General Reeder determined to lose no time in securing other desirable quarters. After an inspection of several sites he finally made a satisfactory arrangement with the owner of the premises formerly occupied by the Utopian club, a well known social organization of this city. This property is a four story brick structure originally intended for a residence, and it was so used for a number of years. General Reeder is having the building refitted so that several branches of the state committee work may be properly accommodated. When the alterations in the building are completed it will be one of the best equipped and most desirable political headquarters in the country. country

REEDER'S INNOVATION.

It is noteworthy that to General Reeder must be given credit for the idea of having permanent headquarters for the state committee, instead of following the practice of former years and locating in a hotel for a few weeks prior to each election. After each campaign the state chairman some years ago would bundle up the documents of the party and cart them off to a storage warehouse or to his own offices until they were needed in the following canvass. General Reeder declared when he first assumed the state chairmanship eight years ago that the great Republican organization of Pennsylvania should have a permanent home where its party councils could be held if desired and where its valuable list of active Republicans. REEDER'S INNOVATION valuable list of active Republicans, state, county and vigilant committee-men, campaign documents and other data could be carefully arranged and safely stored and be available for im-

data could be carefully arranged and safely stored and be available for immediate use at any time. General Reeder selected the present headquarters of the state committee, which have been occupied since 1892, and it is worthy of comment that since these headquarters were secured the Republican party in Pennsylvania has not had a single candidate on the state ticket defeated and the majorities for the Republican party in the state have been steadily increasing until they frequently represent more than the total Democratic vote.

General Reeder's idea in taking a whole house for the state committee is that the active Republicans of the state, no matter from what county, whether near to or far away from Philadelphia, can always, when there is a campaign under way, feel perfectly welcome at state headquarters and have conveniences for consultations with the state chairman or any of his assistants, with assurances of perfect privacy such as could never be guaranteed at a hotel, where the public at large have access. The new quarters are located at 1417 Locust street, about half a block west of the Academy of Music, which is at the corner of Broad and Locust streets, it is convenient to the Pennsylvania, Reading and B and O. railroads, and during the Republican national committee will hold forth but half a block away, at the Hotel Walton. STALWART YOUNG REPUBLICANS. The arrangements for the Republican national committee will hold forth but half a block way, at the Hotel Walton.

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STALWART YOUNG REPUBLICANS.
The arrangements for the Republican national convention are progressing favorably. Mayor Ashbridge has secured nearly three-fourths of the guarantee fund of \$100,000 which was promised to National Chairman Hanna, and the work of refitting the Export Exposition building will be begun in a few days. The plans of the Republican clubs of this city for the entertainment of the visitors are being perfected, and the indications are that Philadelphie will surpass the efforts of any convertion city in this particular. J. Hamston Moore, president of the Stat-League of Republican Clubs, is at thehead of the local organization, and his co-operating with Mayor Ashbridge in all the arrangements. There will be many clubs from the interior of Pennsylvania take part in the demonstrations during the national convention week, and a number of them will have uniformed delegations.

The occasion will be made one that will be memorable in the annals of stalwart Republican politics. With the presence of Chairman Hanna, Senator Platt, of New York, former National Chairman Carter, Senator Elkins, Senator Foraker and others of the stalwart Republican leaders there will be an inspiration to the party lov-

tional Chairman Carter, Senator Elkins, Senator Foraker and others of
the stalwart Republican leaders there
will be an inspiration to the party loving Republicans of the Keystone state.
The insurgents, caucus bolters and party wreckers will be entirely out of
place at this gathering. The young
Republicans of Pennsylvania will avail
themselves of this exceptional opportunity to attend a Republican national
convention, and they are expected to
flock here in great numbers. They are
already getting in throughout the
state to be in touch with their party
organization. The guerrillas of the
Flinn-Martin combine, who have no
respect for party organization and who
recognize the rules of the party only
when it is to their personal interest to
do so, are finding out that the young
Republicans of this state do not propose to follow their selfish leadership,
but that they are going atlong with the
regulars and will be found working
with them at the primary elections,
and when the national convention
meets they will come here in the ranks
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