

ATEST NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

GUNS AND PROJECTILES.

Pennsylvania Companies Come in for a Large Share.

Secretary Lamont directed the award of contracts under the proposals received by the war department for forgings, gun and mortar carriages, etc. The award for 21 sets of 10-inch steel gun forgings and for one set of forgings for a 16-inch gun was made to the Bethlehem Iron company, of Pennsylvania, the Middle Steel company receiving the award for 21 sets of 12-inch forgings. Under the contract the Bethlehem Iron company is to supply 21 sets of these forgings a contract is awarded the Bethlehem Iron company, of Pennsylvania, the Middle Steel company receiving the award for 21 sets of 12-inch forgings.

A LARGE FAILURE.

The Diamond Match and New York Biscuit Stock Deal Has Fallen Through.

Speculative deals in Diamond Match and New York Biscuit stocks has come to an end. The Moore Brothers have failed. The greatest speculation ever known in Chicago has culminated in the failure of the people who were behind the deal.

OVER 300 KILLED.

A Battle Between English Troops and Matabeles.

Details have been received of the decisive victory won on Wednesday by the 7th British troops, composing Col. Plimmer's column over a native force estimated to have numbered 2,000 to 3,000 men.

ALABAMA'S ELECTION.

Latter Returns do not Lessen Johnston's Majority.

The returns in so far show conclusively that Johnston and the entire Democratic ticket won by a majority of about 40,000. The lowest estimated majority is 35,000, and the highest is 60,000.

CHANG AT OSBORNE.

The Chinese Viceroy Visits Queen Victoria.

Li Hung Chang and his suite went by special train to Portsmouth on the 3th to greet the Queen to the Isle of Wight and visit the queen at Osborne.

MINOR MENTION.

Stuck in the Ice.

Prof. E. S. Tarr, of Cornell university, who started with Lieut. Perry on an Arctic expedition in the steamer Hope, has written his family in Gloucester, Mass., that they are stuck in the floes of ice off the Greenland coast.

PENNSYLVANIA POPULISTS.

Bryan Endorsed—J. F. Allman and J. P. Correll for Congressmen-at-Large.

The Pennsylvania Populist State convention was called to order shortly after 10 o'clock Wednesday in Curry University hall, Pittsburg, by Chairman R. A. Thompson, of Indian.

A. V. Hannum of Bradford was chosen temporary chairman. A. R. Floyd of Irwin and J. E. Leslie, of McKeesport were named as secretaries. The following committee on resolutions was appointed: B. C. Kennedy, Erie; J. B. Maxwell, Mercer; Dr. G. G. Moore, Clarion; J. H. Stevenson, Pittsburg; and Thomas Lowry, Bradock.

J. F. Allman, of Juniata county, and J. P. Correll, editor of the Eastern Call, were nominated for Congressmen-at-large after a motion to fuse with the Democrats on one candidate had been rejected.

REVIEW OF COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

IT WAS A BAD WEEK.

The Collapse in Chicago Made Investors Timid and Wary.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: The sensational collapse of speculators at Chicago who controlled Diamond Match and New York Biscuit stocks and had hoisted them to fancy prices, with the consequent closing of the Chicago Stock Exchange for a period yet indefinite, though followed by remarkably few failures, brings a sudden change in monetary conditions throughout the country.

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FLOOD IN INDIANA.

\$100,000 Worth of Property Near Richmond.

A storm and flood occurred in a county, Indiana, Friday, that did \$100,000 damage. Five houses were destroyed by lightning. The great storm in the lower part of the State has done a great deal of damage.

ALMOST LYNCHED.

A Boyish Quarrel Ends in a Murder.

At Findlay, Ohio, Amos Decker, 19, shot and killed George Miles, 16. The boys quarrelled over a game of the boys in the neighborhood played upon a butcher and also the boy's daughter, to whom Amos was paying attention.

SITUATION IN CRETE.

Hassam Pasha, Governor of Heraklion, Dragged From His Horse.

Hassam Pasha has been reinstated as Governor of Heraklion, in the island of Crete, as being the only man able to cope with the situation. On his refusing to admit to the town a mob of Mussulmans, he was being dragged in the bodies of two Mussulmans shot by insurgents, he was torn from his horse and severely maltreated.

POLITICAL NOTES.

Five Killed in a Wreck.

Five men were killed in a wreck Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific. They were all residents of Iowa, trying to send a rail to President Cleveland as a present. Robert Gray, William Shea and two other men. They were all killed by work and trying to get to Chicago.

THE POPULISTS NOMINATED.

The Populists nominated Senator for Governor of Georgia.

THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

The Democratic convention at Texas district nominated H. E. R. Congress.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND DENIES.

President Cleveland denies that any advice as to the course of the Ohio conference.

CONGRESSMAN DOOLITTLE.

Congressman Doolittle, of Washington, is an advocate of the strong silver advocate, has announced in favor of McKinley.

The Louisiana Populist party Bryan and Watson, Resolutions of both Democrats and Republicans passed.

The Texas Populist State nominated George Kearley, for governor, and H. S. P. Ashby, for lieutenant governor.

"Jerry" Simpson was nominated by the Democratic and Populist conventions of Seventh Kansas district. He was defeated by Chester Lamb by 1,985 majority.

Bourke Cockran will speak at a meeting of the Democratic party in New York on Friday night. He will devote himself especially to the question to be made by legislative confirmation meeting.

The resignation of Hoke Smith of the Interior, is said to have been made by the Atlanta Journal. "Journal" free active, but Mr. Cleveland's resignation on it.