

Examinations for departmental service will be held at Helena, Montana, Sept. 15th, Portland, Oregon, Sept. 18th, Seattle, W. T., Sept. 22d, and at San Francisco, Oct. 1st. At the same time examinations will be held for persons wishing to be examined on special subjects, as law, special pension examiners, stenography, French, German, Spanish and Italian. Those who intend applying should at once request official blanks from the civil service commission at Washington.

The period of 20 days during which the British Columbian authorities agreed to hold Hibbs, the defaulting postmaster at Lewiston, Idaho, expired to-day, but a telegram was received from Victoria promising to keep him under arrest until the United States post office inspector bearing an extradition warrant should arrive there.

Secretary Whitney received a letter from John Roach, stating that he desires a full interchange of views with the Secretary concerning the present status of the *Dolphin* case, and that he will be in Washington in a day or two for that purpose.

Comptroller Durham to-day made a statement to the Secretary that five persons whom, at a salary of \$720 per annum, he had ruled might be selected without regard to the civil service law, are entitled to \$900, and, therefore, come under the law. Mr. Switzer, chief of the Bureau of Statistics, named their salary at \$720, a fact which he (Durham) cannot understand, and which renders a public statement necessary.

RICHMOND, Va., 15.—The Republican State Convention met here to-day in the Richmond theatre, about 650 delegates and alternates being present. Of these nearly 200 were colored. At 12 o'clock Gen. Mahone made his appearance on the stage and was received with tumultuous applause. He made a short address. A temporary organization was then effected.

A resolution limiting debate on any question to 30 minutes on each side was opposed by Senator Riddleberger, who created a sensation by charging Chairman Lamb with being prejudiced and unable to control the mob behind him, while he (Riddleberger) had a gentleman at his back. (Cries of "shame," "shame," and hisses.) Capt. McCaul gave Riddleberger a severe rapping. The resolution was adopted almost unanimously.

The platform is one of unusual length. It says: "We declare our resolute opposition to the present Federal Administration as the fit creature of the immoral and faithless relations of the apostate Republicans with the National Democracy, and as the natural product of folly, fraud, force and perfidy; which has already displayed all the traits of its origin by proclaiming a test for office that at once finds its most flagrant violation in the offensive partisanship of the President and his Cabinet; by practicing the mean hypocrisy of reform that awards a premium to false witness and calumny; by servile and obsequiousness at the North to men whose treachery betrayed republicanism and stole the crown of power and victory for barter, and by insolent venality and brutality in the South, and especially in the commonwealth that has been conspicuously identified with the worst elements of rapine and corruption and made it the accomplice of the Bourbonism whose effective strength consists of organized repudiators, ballot box stuffers and assassins, to the grief and indignation of men of all parties." Free ballot, free schools, readjuster settlement of State debt, encouragement to railroads and the eight hour law are warmly advocated.

During the discussion Senator Riddleberger went on the stage and undertook to speak, but the chair ruled him out of order. Bedlam followed, and loud cries and oaths went ringing amid the din and confusion. Senator Mahone asked that Riddleberger be heard, whereupon the latter said: "Right here I will shake hands and make peace." Instantly Riddleberger and Mahone were in each other's arms and this was a signal for a general embracing.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., 15.—The city is crowded and all the incoming trains are filled with people from New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Canada. The exercises of the day began with the firing of a hundred guns at sunrise this morning. At about noon the clouds began to gather and the rain came down briskly. It now looks as if the exercises in the park will have to be postponed until later in the day. Tilden sent a telegram to the committee expressing his regret at not being able to attend.

Notwithstanding the rain, the committee decided that the ceremonies should not be postponed. Bishop Cox commended the proceedings with prayer. Mr. Dorshimer read a communication which he had received from the Governor General of Canada, regretting his inability to be present. Ex-Lieutenant-Governor Dorshimer, president of the commission, then made the presentation address, after which Governor Hill accepted the reservation on behalf of the State of New York. There were about 25,000 people in the park in which the pavilion had been erected.

A letter was read from President Cleveland regretting that official duties denied him the pleasure of attending. Addresses were made by Erastus Brooks, James C. Carter the orator of the day, Lieut. Gov. Robinson of Canada, and the Attorney General of Missouri. After singing the hymn "America" and the doxology the exercises

closed with the benediction by Bishop Cox.

In the afternoon there was a review of the troops and in the evening a grand display of fireworks was witnessed by an immense gathering. It is estimated 50,000 visitors were here to-day.

NEW YORK, 15.—Augustus Erwin, a dry goods salesman, who shot his wife to-day, in East Tenth Street, and put a bullet into his own abdomen, was dying to-night in the hospital, while his wife is believed to be in a fair way of recovery. Erwin is a Hebrew, twice the age of his wife, who is a Roman Catholic and who married him without her father's knowledge. The marriage was the direct outcome of the Victoria Morosini elopement. The girl, whose father, Patrick O'Thayne, is a wealthy laundryman, was a classmate of Victoria's, and the sensation caused by Vic's escapade apparently suggested a similar exploit to her romantic mind. Her own marriage occurred immediately after and was unexpected by everybody. The bride's father has supported them since, Erwin spending what money he made in horse races. Lately O'Thayne has made a persistent effort to wean his daughter away from her husband, and all but succeeded last week in carrying her off to Europe. The husband upset the plans at the eleventh hour by a trick, and the steamer sailed without his wife but with her father on board. Immediately after Mrs. Erwin left him and went to reside with her stepmother. She called at the hotel to-day at his request for an interview, and it was there he tried to kill her and himself.

PANAMA, 15.—News has been received of a combat between the forces of the revolutionists and those of Quinters Calderon, which took place in Talameque. Over 300 rebels were killed, wounded or taken prisoners. Among the killed is General Fortunato Bernal. The steamer *Medallin*, belonging to the rebels, was burned. In the explosion which followed Ex-General Pedro Sarmiento and Daniel Hernandez and Ex-Colonel Capitano Obando, perished.

The *Star and Herald* says: The Santos case has occasioned great excitement in Ecuador. The government has caused the publication of an immense number of documents, flysheets, etc., setting forth their side of the story, but not in a serious way or as a candid review of the matter. They are rather appeals of a more or less impassioned character to the temper and passions of the people, and are intended to stir up wrath and excitement on the part of the populace in the settlement of the affair. Although a way out of the difficulty has been clearly shown which will be honorable to both parties, the Ecuadorian rulers appear to be disposed to make an active resistance to the American demands. Some of the people have circulated the rumor that the famous *Esmeralda* was coming to Guayaquil to blow the *Iroquois* and the whole American fleet, if necessary, out of the water.

CITY OF MEXICO, via Galveston, 15.—The cool reception accorded by Chili to the United States Spanish American Trade Commission is much discussed here.

In European circles here there is talk of favoring a policy of commercial and financial alliance with England. It is believed that London capitalists would like to secure control of the Central and National railroads. It is reported that the English government is not averse to making a strong friend of Mexico, the policy being to build up the country and secure the growing trade now being diverted to the United States. The time is now favorable for the development of an Anglo-Mexican policy, as the government will soon have to go into the London market to arrange a consolidation of the debts of the country. It is also reported that the English government's desire is to control the transit routes across the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. In French circles it is feared that England is cultivating the friendship of Mexico in order to have a strong ally near the Panama Canal. Many rumors of British and Mexican commercial alliances are current in banking circles.

WASHINGTON, 15.—Secretary Whitney, in an advertisement for proposals for the new cruisers authorized by Congress last winter, said that all plans and specifications must be submitted by July 15th. At the close of business at the Department to-day but ten persons or companies had offered complete proposals. Numerous designs for parts of vessels and parts of machinery have been submitted. The Union Iron Works of San Francisco is the only private shipyard that offered proposals or designs submitted for one large cruiser. The other plans are from naval officers and private parties. Admiral Porter offered a plan for one vessel. Naval Contractor W. L. Mentowye submitted plans for four vessels, one a 5,000-ton ship, one a 3,000-ton ship, one a 1,700-ton ship and an 800-ton ship. The Bureau of Construction and Repair offered designs for five vessels, one of 5,000 tons, another 3,100 tons, a third of 1,700 tons, a fourth of 1,700 tons and a fifth of 800 tons. The plans for the engines of these vessels have been prepared by the Bureau of Steam Engineering.

Naval Constructor Philip Hichborn submitted a plan for a cruiser of 4,500 tons displacement and a design for a powerfully armed vessel carrying 13 six-inch and 4 eight-inch breech-loading rifles, the latter having direct fire and aft fire. The vessel to be a ship to be rigged and to have three-quarter sail power with an average speed of nine knots at sea in all weathers and in smooth water 15 knots. The plans provide for a ship 315 feet long on the

water line, 45 feet extreme breadth, mean draught 20 feet 3 inches, and the bottom sheathed and coppered. The vessel is designed to be as far as possible independent of the docks and coaling stations. The capacity is placed at 800 tons—sufficient to carry the vessel to Europe at a maximum speed, while at a slower rate it would last for a much greater distance. The engines to be three cylinder horizontal and compound. The estimated cost of the vessel exclusive of armament is placed at about \$1,000,000. Secretary Whitney will appoint a board to examine the plans.

OAKLAND, Cal., 15.—A. H. Rose, an extensive farmer filed a petition in insolvency yesterday. Liabilities about \$800,000; assets nominal, consisting mostly of notes and debts. His principal creditors are the Merchants' Exchange Bank of San Francisco, \$500,000; Alvinza Haywood \$20,000 and Charles N. Fox \$70,000. The amount owing the Merchants' Exchange Bank is a note of \$200,000 with interest, which has been worthless for several years past as Rose possessed nothing on which they could levy. The \$70,000 due by Fox is also on an outlawed note.

CLEVELAND, 15.—Seven hundred Polish and Bohemian strikers attacked the Plate Mill at Newbury to-night, which was in operation. Fifty policemen met them and a fight ensued. Two policemen were hit with stones and about thirty-five strikers were badly clubbed. Five of the ringleaders were arrested, one of them being perhaps fatally injured. The wives of the strikers carried the wounded off the field. Everything now is quiet.

GALVESTON, 15.—An important railroad meeting convened in this city to-day, at which all the leading railroad interests of Texas and Louisiana were represented. The meeting was the outcome of an agreement signed in New York in the latter part of June, between Jay Gould, C. P. Huntington, George Sealy of the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railroad, and B. G. Clark, receiver of the Houston and Texas Central, to pool all the business for a period of five or ten years, each interest to work offensively and defensively with the others. The present conference is for the purpose of agreeing upon a basis of a general pool upon all business. No business was transacted at to-day's meeting beyond the general interchange of views. The conference will continue several days. Indications are that an harmonious basis will be reached.

PITTSBURG, 15.—During a quarrel between the Bulger and Wilbert families of the notorious locality of "Skunk Hollow" in this city, this afternoon, Wm. Wilbert made an assault upon the Bulgers with a baseball bat, and after crushing the skull of Edward Bulger and beating the latter's wife into insubility, disappeared.

NEW YORK, 15.—The American Protective Tariff League filed its certificate of incorporation in court to-day. The objects are stated to be to advocate and uphold the protection of American labor by a tariff on imports which shall adequately insure American industrial products against the competition of foreign labor. Among the trustees for the first year are Smith W. Weed and Cornelius M. Bliss.

NEW YORK, 16.—The English yacht *Genesta*, which is to compete in the race for the American challenge cup, arrived in the harbor this morning.

RICHMOND, Va., 16.—In the Republican State Convention this morning, resolutions of sympathy for General Grant were unanimously adopted and ordered telegraphed to him. Nomination of candidates was then proceeded with, and an hour and a half occupied in nominating John S. Wise and Attorney General Frank S. Blair. At 2 a. m. the roll of counties was called, and at its conclusion at 2:45 a. m., Wise had received over 450 votes. Before the vote was announced the name of Blair was withdrawn and upon his authority the name of Wise was made unanimous amid unbounded enthusiasm.

Wise was immediately brought to the front and briefly acknowledged the honor bestowed upon him. He looked upon the position for which he had been named as one of solemn duty as well as one of great responsibility and he with his party were going in to win.

NEW YORK, 16.—3's, 3½; 4's, 12½; 4's, 12; Pacific 6's, 27½; Central Pacific, 31½; Burlington, 27½; Northern Pacific, 19; preferred, 42½; Northwestern, 197½; New York Central, 94½; Oregon Navigation, 74½; Transcontinental, 14½; Pacific Mail, 49½; Panama, 78; St. Louis and San Francisco, 16½; Texas Pacific, 12½; Union Pacific, 52½; Fargo Express, ex div., 9½; Western Union 64½.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., 16.—Joseph Taylor, who on May 31st, 1884, brutally murdered the keeper Michael F. Doran, at the Eastern Penitentiary, by beating out his brains with a wooden bobbin and a bar of iron, was hanged in the corner of the county prison at 10 o'clock this morning. The keeper had administered to Taylor a nauseating medicine which the prison physician had prescribed and thereby incurred Taylor's animosity. Taylor was only twenty-eight years of age. He was of a vicious disposition and the police records show that he stabbed seventeen persons and shot twenty-eight during ten years before the murder.

TORONTO, 16.—At a public meeting last night, the mayor presiding, resolutions were passed that the further admission of Chinese into Canada should be rigidly restricted, if not totally prohibited.

FOREIGN.

LONDON, 13.—A mass meeting of women was held in Princess Hall this afternoon to consider ways and means to protect young girls from the horrible pitfalls of London as revealed by the *Pall Mall Gazette*. Mrs. Booth and other ladies made eloquent addresses. The meeting resolved that the laws on the subject should forthwith be made more efficient, denouncing State regulation of vice, demanding a total repeal of the contagious diseases act, and that the age of consent be raised from thirteen to eighteen. The meeting also voted to send a record of its proceedings to the House of Commons.

Cladstone will not acquiesce in the decision to drop the Crofter's bill. He will urge the passage of the bill this season.

The Board of Works to-day passed a formal resolution declaring that while its statutory powers do not permit it to officially extend an invitation to the San Francisco fire brigade to visit London with their appliances, yet the board would be pleased to see the San Francisco firemen, and would afford them every facility for examining the operations of the London fire department.

The government is ignorant of the reported offer of El Madhi to release Gordon for £5,000.

BERLIN, 13.—The Empress Augusta offers a prize of \$1,000 for the best portable hospital tent for war or epidemic uses. Competitors are to exhibit the tents at the Antwerp Exhibition.

The bricklayers' strike continues; 8,000 are idle, and 6,000 more have left the city. At the open air meeting of 4,000 to-day, a proposal to resume work at five shillings was almost unanimously rejected.

The "Mormons" have commenced a crusade here. They intend to hold meetings every Sunday. It is not unlikely they will obtain many adherents.

LONDON, 14.—The editor of the *Pall Mall Gazette* has received letters from the Queen and Gladstone, in which they heartily thank him for the recent exposure of the traffic in young girls for immoral purposes, and assure him that he has their full sympathy in the matter.

MADRID, 14.—There were reported throughout Spain yesterday, 1072 cases of cholera, and 473 deaths from the disease.

Returns from Valencia, however, are incomplete. A number of suspicious cases of illness are reported in the city of Segovia, but the authorities there refuse to admit that they are cases of cholera.

ST. PETERSBURG, 14.—A long continued drought in the southern provinces of Russia has completely ruined the crops in that section of country.

LONDON, 14.—Louis Jennings, formerly editor of the *New York Times*, has consented to contest one of the parliamentary districts of Stockport in Cheshire, in the Tory interest in the coming general election. In his address accepting the candidacy, Mr. Jennings advocates local self-government for Ireland and an import tax on finished manufactured goods.

CALCUTTA, 14.—A severe shock of earthquake, lasting several minutes, was felt here this morning.

DUBLIN, 14.—The Munster Bank to-day suspended payment with liabilities at \$8,750,000. The majority of the shareholders are ladies solely dependent upon the bank's dividends for their income. Owing to the large unsecured indebtedness of the Munster Bank, the Bank of Ireland yesterday decided to stop supplies, and this resulted in the suspension, which is likely to bring great suffering upon the south of Ireland. The directors claim that by careful realization the bank's assets are ample. It would appear that the recent litigation in which Shaw, M.P., was largely concerned, was the cause of a run from which the bank was unable to recover.

LONDON, 14.—Lord Randolph Churchill, Secretary for India, stated in the Commons this afternoon that the government had no intention of negotiating with Abdurrahman Khan, the Ameer of Afghanistan, for a defence of Candahar. "England had," he said, "given certain pledges to the Ameer in case an emergency arises requiring it, and the Ameer asks for assistance, whatever government might be in power." The Secretary continued: "The course of England is clear if the Ameer should ask for this assistance."

CORK, 15.—The excitement over the failure of the Munster Bank (limited) continues unabated. At an early hour this morning the depositors began assembling at the doors of the bank here, and at Dublin, Limerick and other cities and towns in Ireland where the bank has branches. At noon the streets in the vicinity of the bank in this city were blocked with crowds of people clamoring for their money. A large force of police is stationed at the bank to preserve order. The crowd is hourly growing larger and more disorderly and fears of a riot are entertained. Dispatches from Dublin, Limerick and other points where the bank has branches, state that the same scenes are being enacted at each of those places.

LONDON, 15.—The downward tendency in the stock market to-day was accelerated by rumors that the government had received information confirming the reports received by the *Times* of a Russian advance on Zulikar Pass. The news of this hostile demonstration on the part of the Russians, together with Churchill's assertion in the Commons last evening, that England would assist the Ameer if he asked for assistance, has created much excitement.

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