ion will be preserved, and the election for President thrown into the House, in which event a free coinage candidate would obviously be elected and the free coinage sentiment produced by such a course would insure the election of free coinage Congress. The course of the Cleveland contingent in New York is urged as ample warrant for the irregularity.

The article closes as follows: "This derniier resort for the free coinage men is worthy calm and earnest consideration. That idle suggestion will be passed over lightly, the gravity of the silver situation heeded. The tens of thousands who signed the pledges of the silver league look for some such practical plan, by which they may constitutionally and regularly secure the that free coinage effectively is a case so important, is demonstrated by their acts. The movement, it understands, will demonstrate that Democratic and Republicans are no longer lovers of wool and drawers of water for Wall street platforms, who now almost entirely dominate our political party and have partly put the free coinage majority in the other.

Agreed to Suicide.

CHICAGO, April 17.—Casper Cassi and William Sonnis entered into an agreement Saturday evening to commit suicide. As proof of their serious intention Cassi's dead body lies in the morgue with a bullet hole in his right temple and a revolver in his hand, and Sonnis is suffering from wounds inflicted in an unsuccessful attempt to cut his throat. When taken to the station he begged the officers to shoot him. He said he had had trouble with his wife, and that Cassi was depressed over the death of his father, and they made a solemn agreement to commit suicide together. They arranged that Cassi should shoot Sonnis and kill himself. Afterwards they decided that each one should take his own life. Sonnis will probably recover.

The New Chilean Cabinet.

NEW YORK, April 17.—The *Herald's* Santiago, Chile, correspondent says: Upon tomorrow's session of the congressional conservatory depends the fate of the new Cabinet. If the commission reports adversely, the Cabinet will resign in a body. Everything points to a triumph of the Ministry however. Rumors of alliances between Balmacedists and the Conservatives are being circulated all over Santiago. The Government is adopting a vigorous policy of retrenchment.

Congress.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—It is probable that this week Congressional business will be of but passing interest. In the Senate the appropriation bills will be pushed slowly, and it is possible that the Chinese excluded bill may come. In the House the Nayes vs. Buckwell election contest and the appropriation bills will be the principal subjects of interest. The former will probably come on Tuesday and be followed by the naval, sundry civil, and the consular and diplomatic appropriation bills.

Shocks of Earthquake in Oregon.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 17.—At 2:50 this afternoon two heavy shocks of earthquake were felt here. The vibrations were from west to east, and lasted about ten seconds. Buildings trembled, and people running frightened into the streets. No damage was done.

Forgeries to Obtain Pension Money.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., April 17.—Government officials have arrested George Billings, alias Lewis Van Houghton, and Emma Bolton, his niece, on committing forgeries in order to obtain pension money. They admit seventeen forgeries, amounting to thousands of dollars.

German Will Probably Retire.

BALTIMORE, April 17.—A close personal and political friend of Senator German said to a representative of the Baltimore dispatch today that it is probable German would not be a delegate to the National Democratic convention, and that it is not likely he will continue as a member of the National committee from Maryland, as he is physically unable to stand the labor and strain which will be put upon him in the campaign.

Speculations on the Presidential Possibilities.

ALBANY, April 17.—The *Telegram* says that Hill will not likely be a candidate, but if the Chicago convention cannot agree on any other, Hill's name will be presented. The paper further states that if Harrison is renominated neither Cleveland nor Hill could carry New York, and that Governor Foraker is the only available man.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Kansas City, April 17.—A terrific thunder storm, accompanied by a heavy fall of rain and hail, struck this city at 4 o'clock this morning. Lightning struck the house of George Arkenman and killed him. Several other houses were also struck and considerable damage done, but no further fatalities are reported.

London, April 17.—Communication with the continent is still interrupted, as a result of the snowstorm Saturday.

Paris, April 17.—It has been decided not to make a labor demonstration in Paris on May Day, in order to avoid giving the police an excuse for a conflict with the workingmen.

Cairo, April 17.—The difference between the Khedive and Moukhtar Pasha, the Turkish representative, has been arranged. Moukhtar Pasha will remain here. Eyub Pasha, who brought from the Sultan the firman of investiture to the Khedive, has started on his return for Constantinople.

Portland, Me., April 17.—Mrs. James Robertson, in a fit of insanity this afternoon killed her three weeks-old baby, cutting its throat, and attempted to take away with herself when overpowered by her husband.

Berlin, April 17.—Saturday two men discovered a grenade, and unable to carry it home, tried to smash it with a hammer. One of the men was blown to pieces and the other fatally injured.

New York, April 17.—Although rumored that Hugh Wright, for the "Nigger Sunday on board," owing to Superintendent Byrnes's elevation, it was not the case, as the side doors worked with children confidence. Ninety-one violators were arrested.

New York, April 17.—It was reported in Jersey City late tonight that there would be a strike on the Philadelphia & Reading road today.

THAT MILK PUMP.

No Good Because It Cannot Be Kept Clean, Says an Expert.

That milk pump! Do you know I feel inclined to take it as a sore case to my conscience than that underground, chasing, lacerating task. Do you know I suspect that even in farmhouses, where there is no lack of help everything clean, the milk pump is at the bottom of the complaints that have been made lately about the keeping quality of the butter. The milk pump, I regret to say, seems to be very popular with the ordinary designers and builders, because it simplifies their plans with the ordinary owners, because it saves money in construction, and with the farmer, because it saves labor, nominally. So I fear that I shall have my warm sympathy from those most interested in this.

I tell you, gentlemen, if you were to investigate the matter you would find many a complaint directly to the milk pump. Not impossible to keep it clean! Well, so, difficult is impossible, but it is closely approachable, and let me tell you I have been in creameries where everything, including the floor, was kept as clean as a pin, but where I put my nose to the milk pump there was smell enough to flower bins and tons of butter. I've seen it, I know it, I tell you. I know that neither I nor anybody else can keep it clean, and the only cure is to bury it deep in the hole where the buttermilk tank used to be. Surely it is hard enough to keep the creamery sweet and clean without adding the pump, and then, if some adding the pump, and then, if some adding the pump, and then, if some