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LAST NIGHT'S NEWS

Gov. Gray, of Indiana, Suggested as Democratic Candidate for Vice-President.

The Trial of Hopkins, of the Fidelity Bank, is Going Along.

The Efforts Being Made in New York to Remove Commissioner Platt.

Another Train Robbery on the Mexican Central Reported from Texas.

Austria is Alarmed Over the Situation and Beginning to Ask Questions.

The Emperor William in a Serious Condition.—Other News Paragraphs.

By Telegraph to the NEWS.

Democratic Conference.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 11.—A largely attended conference of the Indiana democrats was held today, in response to a call issued recently by the Hendricks Club, of this city. Gov. Gray was made permanent chairman. The governor said that the democratic armor was never in better order, and after the next convention, he thought that it would be found that the republican party is a party of the past. There is no time for speculation, he simply add here, that whatever may be of me and all of me, will be devoted to making a democratic triumph at the coming election.

The resolutions endorse the administration of President Cleveland, and welcome his recent message, and proposes Governor Gray to the democracy of the nation, as a candidate for the vice-presidential nomination.

The Emperor Failing.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—A trustworthy dispatch from Berlin says Emperor William's condition is worse and that intense anxiety prevails.

Hopkins' Trial.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 11.—The Hopkins trial was made up most altogether of the cross-examination of J. W. Hoyt, broker, through whom Hopkins gave orders for speculation in Chicago wheat for Harper. The court admitted the record of the conviction of E. L. Harper as evidence. Broker Hoyt said he had several accounts for Harper designated by letters, and said Hopkins told Harper he did not want it known that he was speculating, yet Hopkins never gave Hoyt an order without consulting Harper. Some laughter was provoked when Hoyt said that when he was asked to go to Chicago in June, he was told that it was by order of the Pope. He explained that the name was used to designate Harper.

Appeal Dismissed.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—The court of appeals dismissed the appeal of Dion Boucicault against the postponement for six months of the hearing of his wife's suit for divorce. The postponement has been granted to Mrs. Boucicault in order that she might fulfil a dramatic engagement in America, which she claimed was worth $500 weekly. Counsel for Boucicault said his client had once been rich, but was now poor.

THE PLATT CASE.

Trying to Remove the Ex-Senator from His Nice Place.

ALBANY, Jan. 11.—The trial of the suit brought in behalf of the state to remove ex-Senator Thomas C. Platt from the office of quarantine commissioner at the port of New York, on the ground of ineligibility, was resumed today. The state seeks to show that Platt is a resident of Owego County, whereas the law requires that the commissioner of quarantine must reside within the metropolitan district of New York.

A Tioga County witness was called, and exhibited the poll tax lists of the town of Owego, to show that Platt had voted in that town since his claimed residence in New York.

THE WASHERWOMAN

of the Platt family was next placed on the stand. She testified that she had done the washing of the family for years at Owego, New York, and received her pay by check from New York. This ended the evidence for the people.

The defense moved to dismiss the case, on the ground of lack of evidence. The motion was overruled, and after an opening argument by Lawyer McFarland for the defense, Platt took the stand and testified at length, to show that while he was born and did business in Owego for thirty years, and still visited that place frequently, his business and residence were now in New York. Aside from his office of quarantine commissioner, his position in the United States Express Company rendered his

DAILY PRESENCE

in the city of New York necessary. He had considered Owego his residence until 1878. Since 1879 he has been to Owego on an average about four times a year. Platt said he had voted in Owego every year since his removal, except 1883 and 1887.

McFarland—"Why did you vote there?"

This question was objected to by the prosecution, and the objection was sustained. The question was put in several other forms, but was ruled out.

The witness continued: "There was a definite understanding between myself and the express company, that on accepting the position I should take up my residence in New York. I have lived in New York City from the time I left Owego in 1879, down to the present time. I did not, from 1879 onwards, have any intention of going back to

OWEGO TO LIVE.

On cross examination the witness admitted that he voted in Owego and swore in his vote in 1880, taking a general oath as to his residence there. He knew that he was declared elected to the Senate in 1884, as Platt, of Owego, and did not call attention to the error, and in his affidavit to change the venire in this case last July, he made oath that his legal domicile was in Owego.

Several witnesses testified that Platt when in New York, occupied rooms at the Fifth Avenue hotel.

The Hard Strike.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 11.—While a settlement of the Reading strike has not been accomplished, everything seems to indicate that plans for the termination of the troubles are now being formulated. It is the general belief that Corbin will meet representatives of the miners either tomorrow or Friday.

SHENANDOAH, Pa., January 11.—Only one individual colliery in the entire Shenandoah district is now in operation. The William Penn Coal Company was forced to

SHUT DOWN

this morning. An order was issued not to give strikers any more credit at the company's store. Similar action will be taken by many business men here. There promises to be a perfect coal famine here in the heart of the coal field. Discontent and dissatisfaction is beginning to show itself among the men. They are becoming conscious that by embroiling themselves in railroad troubles they are losing ground in their own fight, and they are not so pleased with the fact.

Indicted.

NEW YORK, January 11.—Howell Payne, of the jewelry firm of Payne, Steck & Co., who failed a few days ago for $140,000, was arrested today. Shortly before the failure he obtained diamonds on a memorandum from several firms, and when the house failed they were not to be found. There are two indictments against him for grand larceny.

Still Robbing Trains.

EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 11.—The Mexican Central train, which was robbed last night, arrived at El Paso this morning. The robbery occurred at Maple, 240 miles south of El Paso and 14 miles north of Chihuahua. The robbers were six or eight in number, and it is believed that none were Mexicans. The trainmen and passengers think one or more negroes were in the gang. The robbers fired several shots to frighten the trainmen and passengers into submission. Wells, Fargo & Co.'s messenger, E. J. Cloper, was forced to open his treasure boxes, which were rifled. He says the robbers got only $344. The robbers say they had intended to rob the train which came along the day before, which carried a large amount of silver, but they arrived too late to catch the train. A force of fifty Mexican troops were dispatched to pursue the robbers.

Blaine a Grandfather.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—James G. Blaine is a grandfather, the wife of James G. Blaine, Jr., having presented him with a son.

Liberal.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Jan. 11.—The executive committee of the board of trustees of Vassar College were, today, surprised by the receipt of the resignation of Professor Maria Mitchell, of the professorship of astronomy, held by her, she insisting upon her need of rest. They at once laid the resignation on the table, and passed a resolution giving her indefinite leave of absence, and directed the payment to her of the entire salary of the professorship until the board of trustees, at its June meeting, shall take further action.

Professor Mitchell has labored in the cause of science for half a century, a quarter of a century having been passed at Vassar College.

The Wool Men.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—About forty delegates, representing the National Association of wool growers, wool manufacturers and wool dealers, met in conference here today, for the stated purpose of agreeing upon a mutually satisfactory revision of the tariff on wool, woolens and wool substitutes. The conference was called in pursuance of a resolution adopted at the St. Louis manufacturers' convention last May, which directed the president of the National Wool Growers' Association to issue a call to the National Association representing the wool industry, to send delegates to a joint conference in Washington. The conference is composed of the leading men of

EVERY BRANCH

of the wool industry, who represent in their private business, not less than $100,000, and have been purposely selected from both of the great political parties, and represent the extreme and conservative views of both free traders and protectionists. A permanent organization of the conference was effected by the selection of the following officers: President, John L. Converse, Ohio; first vice-president, E. H. Ammidown, Utica, New York; vice-presidents, John McDowell, Theodore Justice, W. E. Cowden, F. D. Wright, A. C. Miller, John Phillips, Jr., and W. G. Benedict; secretary, H. L. James; assistant secretary, William Patterson. By a resolution adopted early in today's session, the proceedings of the conference will not be in public except by the direction of the whole conference.

Austria Alarmed.

PESTH, January 11.—In the lower house of the Hungarian Diet, today, Herr Holfy submitted an interpellation as to whether government had addressed inquiries to Russia in regard to the cause for the recent unexpected Russian military preparations; whether Austria had adhered unswervingly to the programme it laid down in 1838 regarding Bulgaria; whether government did not consider it advisable to take the initiative in summoning an international conference, as to the

BULGARIAN AFFAIR,

in the sense of the programme of 1886, and whether, in the event that the sincere efforts which have been made to maintain peace did not succeed, Austria might count upon an alliance with Germany and Italy.

Herr Perczel asked whether government did not consider it expedient to categorically demand that Russia shall not only discontinue her armaments but shall also reduce her troops on the frontier to dimensions which will not longer threaten Austria's safety.

The Severe Weather.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 11.—This was the coldest morning of the season throughout this section. In St. Paul the government thermometers showed 28 degrees below, and its official duplicate in Minneapolis went two degrees lower, of course. Redwing reports 35 degrees below, Crookston, Minn., 48 degrees below at 6 o'clock a.m., and Pembina, Dakota, 52 degrees below last night. At Winnipeg it was 50 degrees below, and a carpenter named McDonald was frozen to death in his bed. All passenger trains are delayed and many freights have been abandoned. Tonight the cold is moderating somewhat, and a warm wave is announced from Montana.

A Billings, Montana, special to the *Pioneer Press* says that the weather

HAS MODERATED.

The snow is rapidly thawing and vast tracts of bare ground are reported all over the country. Stock has rather been benefited than injured by the snow storm, as snow has taken the place of water, and all streams were frozen before the snow fell. Grass is good everywhere and plentiful.

A Celebration.

AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 11.—Preliminary preparations are in progress for a grand military and civic celebration in this city, on the occasion of the dedication of the new state house now nearing completion. The military feature of the celebration will be under the auspices of the regular army officers and will be inter-state in character. May 17th to 19th, inclusive, is the time fixed for the encampment. Governor Ross is sending out formal invitations to all governors in Mexico and the United States to attend the celebration as guests of the State of Texas. The State Capitol is second only in size to the National Capitol at Washington, and cost 3,000,000 acres of land, representing a money value of nearly $7,000,000. An effort will be made through the Texas congressional delegation to secure the attendance of the President and Mrs. Cleveland to meet President Diaz and his wife, and commemorate the occasion with a grand peace feast. General Diaz has unofficially acquiesced in such a programme.

FIFTIETH CONGRESS.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Salisbury presented a joint resolution declaring that no further effort can be properly made by the United States to obtain the co-operation of European governments in establishing a common ratio of values between silver and gold as money. Laid on the table.

Hoar offered a resolution requesting the President to transmit to Congress the report of the Pacific Railroad Commission. Adopted.

The resolution offered by Hale on the 12th of December for a select committee to examine fully into the present condition of the civil service was taken up, and Hale addressed the Senate in explanation and advocacy of it.

At the commencement of Mr. Lincoln's administration, the

PUBLIC OFFICES

were filled with the adherents of that party which was the exponent of the doctrine that to the victors belong the spoils. Under that administration, the chief test of fitness was loyalty. Not a few of those then appointed had, within the last three years, been turned on the cold charities of the world, to make place for men who never had any sympathy with the principles of which Lincoln had stood as the great representative. General Grant and President Hayes had, during their administrations, recognized the growing sentiment of the country in favor of civil service reform, and had endeavored to conform appointments to a reasonable demand of that agitation. The Forty-seventh Congress (republican) had enacted a civil service statute, and

PRESIDENT ARTHUR

had, with sincere, good faith, appointed civil service commissioners and gave support and encouragement to them, but he was content to do it in a quiet way. If he (Hale) were to make any contrast between President Arthur's course on that subject and the course which has since been pursued, it would be simply to call attention to the fact that President Arthur made no proclamations, no promises, no pledges, but contented himself with carrying out the law according to its purpose and spirit. Both of the great parties, in 1884, declared themselves in their platforms in favor of civil service reform, but as the campaign progressed, it was seen that a considerable body of men, who had before that affiliated with the republican party, had determined to oppose its candidate, and it soon became clear that not only was that body of men bent on opposition to the republican candidate, but was

LOOKING ABOUT

for reasons to support his opponent. Governor Cleveland, candidate of the democratic party, had not failed to observe this and he accordingly professed adherence to civil service principles in his letter of acceptance. Cleveland's declarations, in that respect, had their effect. In close states, they had influence enough on the voters to be decisive of the result, and Cleveland was elected President.

Mr. Hale quoted from an interview with Mr. Cleveland, published in Boston in 1885, in which Cleveland is represented as saying: "I have tried to be true to my own pledges and the pledges of my party. We both promised to divorce offices of the country from being used for party services." There they had, as clearly as words could give them, pledges of the

CIVIL SERVICE

reformers. That administration has been elected, as Geo. W. Curtis and others frequently asserted, on the strength of such pledges. He (Hale) had never believed in the sincerity of the pledges, because, if the democratic party believed in any one thing more than another, it was the doctrine that "to the victors belong the spoils." He had before him a table showing sweeping changes in all departments of government up to June 11, 1887. That the table showed that out of 2,379 presidential postmasters, there had been 2,000 changes; out of 52,609 fourth-class postmasters, there had been 40,000 changes; out of forty-three foreign ministers, thirty-two changes; out of twenty-one secretaries of legation, sixteen changes; out of one hundred and eleven collectors of customs, one hundred changes; thirty surveyors of customs were also changed; not one of six naval officers remained; out of thirty appraisers, but

TWO REMAINED;

of thirteen superintendents of mints and assay offices, there have been eleven changes; nine assistant appraisers were all gone; of eighty-five collectors of internal revenue, eighty-four have gone; of eleven inspectors of steam vessels, eight were gone; of seventy district attorneys (a semi-judical office), twenty-two were changed; of territorial governors, all were gone; of eighteen pension agents, but two remained; every one out of sixteen surveyor-generals was gone; of 224 local land appraisers, 190 were gone; of ten Indian inspectors and special agents, but one remained; of fifty-nine land agents, but eight, and of eighty-three agents of the general land office, but four remained at this time (June, 1887).

The democratic administration has been but little over two years in office. The

BEST COMMENT

that he (Hale) could make on the table referred to, was to quote editorial headings of a leading democratic newspaper, when it exultantly publishes that list. These headings were: "The Civil Service." "Political Exclusion of Republicans from Employment under the National Government." "Only a Small Class of Public Servants Protected by the Pendleton Act." "Changes Affected with as Little Derangement of Business as Possible." "Spoilsmen Not Satisfied."

Hale hoped to have, in a few days, a further table showing how this conquering march of the democratic party in pursuit of office had continued down to the beginning of this year. This showing was amazing. The country did not appreciate that, under the banner of reform, with its watchword written on every fold of the administration banner, this

RUTHLESS PROSCRIPTION

and these removals and changes in office have been going on at a rate unexampled in any other administration in American history. It could not be said that the most of these changes took place because of the expiration of the terms of incumbency, because scrutiny disclosed the fact that nineteen-twentieths of all cases where changes had occurred were places where there was no fixed tenure of office, but where incumbents were removable at the pleasure of the President.

Hale attacked Lamar's administration of the Interior Department, saying that during Lamar's term of office every territorial governor had been removed; 16 out of 18 pension agents; every surveyor general; four-fifths of the local land officers; nine-tenths of the Indian inspectors and agents; 79 out of 83 special agents of the general land office and two-thirds of the special examiners in the pension office. Yet

LAMAR STOOD

today, on record by his uttered words as against the spoils system, and posed as a reformer.

Senator Hale claimed that, in the political conventions of New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland, prominent federal officials have been active participants, and in answer to a question from Hawley said that he had heard of no removals or even censures. So gross had been the violation of every principle of reform and of the direct pledges of the President, that even the *Evening Post*, of New York City, had said of these things that they would be used in the campaign there with terrible effect. The President had not hesitated, himself, to deal deadly blows at the cause of reform. In this connection, Hale referred to the recent municipal election in New York, and attacked the President for not espousing the

CAUSE OF NICOLL

in his race for the district attorneyship of New York, against Fellows, claiming that the latter was a relic of Tweedism.

Senator Vest interrupted, defending Fellows, and Hale said he got his information from the newspapers.

In closing, Hale intimated that government employes were being assessed for political purposes, and remarked that the means and appliances and practices of the democratic party of the past would all be resorted to in its attempt to retain its hold on the national government. Intimidation, outrage, murder, if needed, would open again the bloody grave in which would be entombed a new free ballot of the south. An immense mass of office-holders would be marshaled to the conflict, and would be seen and heard and felt everywhere, nor would it stop there. Every piece of work performed by contract for the government, would be

LEVIED UPON

for political contributions, and every man who did work under such contracts would be called upon to add his vote to his labor, for wages he received. No government building would be erected whose workshop would not be made a "recruiting place" for the democratic party; no war ship would be built from whose shipyard would not issue, on election day, streams of democratic voters. There was no device, no plan of campaign ever resorted to by the democratic party in the days of Polk, Pierce and Buchanan, which would not be resorted to this year. The thing which has been, is the thing which will be, and there will be nothing new under the sun. In the meantime, where would the Independents be?

MR. BUTLER

sent to the clerk's desk and had read a circular sent out in 1878 by authority of the republican congressional committee, of which Hale was a member, calling on government employes for political contributions.

Hale justified the circular, and said that it directly and explicitly excluded the idea of extorting contributions.

The Blair education bill was then taken up and Coke spoke in opposition to it.

Adjourned.

HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, January 11. — Shortly after assembling, the House went into committee of the whole upon the state of the Union for the consideration of the President's message.

Mills offered a resolution referring the message to the committee on ways and means. The resolution was agreed to.

The House then went into committee of the whole on the "little deficiency bill."

A long debate ensued, and during its progress the question as to where the responsibility for the defeat of the deficiency bill at the last session rested was fully discussed. The custom of holding back the appropriation bills also received considerable attention.

On motion of Burns, an amendment was adopted, appropriating $10,000 for the payment of judgments and awards against the United States, on account of damages caused by reason of the improvement of the Fox and Wisconsin rivers.

The committee then rose, the bill was passed and the House adjourned.

Worth Knowing.

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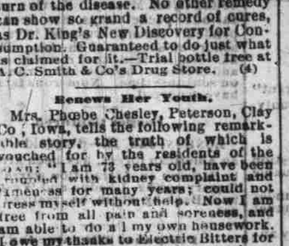

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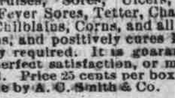
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