

Cooperstown Courier.

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COOPERSTOWN, GRIGGS CO., DAY.

English railways kill between thirteen and fourteen times as many people as those of Massachusetts.

There are hundreds of women clerks and accountants in this country, some holding positions of great trust, and it is said that no one has yet heard of one of them being guilty of embezzlement or defalcation.

The scientific officers of the United States Signal Service at Washington have been making close observations of late in order to satisfy themselves as to the theory that disturbances in the sun cause unusual atmospheric disturbances on the earth.

The country will soon be deluged with congressional speeches. This occurs every presidential year, and as usually the case, the more new men there are in the house the more speeches will be printed.

The supreme court of Pennsylvania has rendered a decision to the effect that minority stockholders in a corporation have a right to inspect the books and papers of the organization at reasonable times for legitimate purposes, and that such right may be enforced by mandamus.

Since the Cincinnati riot, one of the branches of the Ohio Legislature has passed a law repealing the exemption of those belonging to military companies from jury duties in important criminal cases; reduced the criminal's right to peremptory challenges of the jury from twenty-three to six, and raised those of the prosecution from two to four.

Grain freights from Chicago to the seaboard are at the lowest point ever known. The fifteen-cent rate per hundred pounds for the time being the regular one, the twelve-and-a-half-cent rate is reported, and is not received with incredulity.

At Ashville, N. C., Jim Green, a white youth of seventeen years old, was arrested in Mitchell county, charged with the murder of his cousin, Joe Green, a boy of sixteen.

THE PITH OF THE NEWS.

Washington Gossip.

Postmasters Commissioned—Ambia S. Blowers, New York Mills, Minn.; Charles O. Ingegratson, Roland, Minn.

It was decided at a cabinet meeting Friday, the 11th, to have exhibits made from various departments of the government at the world's industrial and cotton centennial exhibition at New Orleans.

The civil service commission examined applicants for positions in the lead letter office for the handling of Scandinavian mails.

Browster Cameron, who has had charge of the star route cases since Mr. Bliss ceased to draw his \$100 a day, says that the attorney general has not yet determined whether to prosecute the civil suits against the star route contractors.

There was a conference of leading Democratic congressmen Friday night, the 11th, at which Morrison, Carlisle and others were present, and it was there decided to adjourn congress on or before the first of July.

The navy department has been informed that a rumor prevailed at St. John's, N. F., that the Greely party had been rescued from a mass of floating ice by the crew of a whaling schooner.

The probability is that no measure regarding the counting of the electoral vote will be passed at this session of congress. This may turn out unfortunately, as there is no certain assurance that complications concerning the election of president may not ensue.

Controller Knox says that he was tendered and accepted the presidency of the National bank of the Republic, of New York, last February and was to take the position the first of April.

Hubbard C. Atkins, assistant general superintendent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road, who was stricken with paralysis in La Crosse several days ago, died Monday morning, the 14th, at the Cameron house.

A. I. Newman, one of the most prominent citizens of Anamosa, Iowa, was killed by a falling tree.

Bonner's wealth is estimated at \$7,000,000. John Perry of Hartford, Conn., missing since the war, has turned up in Texas.

Mrs. Garfield heads a list of petitioners for the return of the Nez Perces to their old home. P. V. C. Thilly, a prominent Cincinnatiian who died of heart disease, was cremated at Washington, Pa.

S. C. Thompson, a prominent New York banker, died in his office in the Chase National bank, April the 11th. George A. Leete died April 12th in Providence.

John C. Perry, who a week ago was appointed Justice of the supreme court of Wyoming Territory, was stricken with paralysis in the streets of Brooklyn, while walking with his daughter.

Lieut. Col. David H. Brotherton of the Twenty-fifth infantry, and Maj. Edward Ball of the Seventh cavalry, have been placed on the retired list of the army. Both gentlemen are well known in the department of Dakota, where they have served some years.

Bishop Tobbe of the Catholic diocese of Covington, Ky., has been ill for some time, and within a few days grave fears have been expressed for his recovery. A sister, who is a member of the Order of Notre Dame, has been called from Cleveland to attend to him.

Dr. W. S. Madden of Scranton, Pa., has been arrested, charged with imprisoning, chaining and abusing a young woman during seven weeks. While the congregation of the Episcopal church at St. John's, N. F., were coming out Sunday night the 13th, they were furiously pelted with stones and other missiles.

In Boston the grand jury indicted for forgery and larceny Dr. John Hunter, alias John Thompson, hunter carries a diploma from the Royal college of Dublin, and at one time was surgeon on the State Line European steamers.

Bridget Sex of Youngstown, Ohio, has had her husband arrested after submitting to continued abuse from him. She charges him with murdering her mother, Mrs. Finnegan, at Johnstown, Pa., Christmas night fourteen years ago.

steamship lines which are competing for emigrant business, the White Star, Inman, Cunard, Anchor and Gray lines having reduced their emigrant rates to \$21, and the National and Star lines have come down to \$20.

Articles of incorporation of the Consolidated Clancy Creek Mining company were filed with the Minnesota secretary of state. The capital stock is \$2,500,000 in 100,000 of \$25 each.

Articles of incorporation of the Bald Mountain Mining company, with a capital stock of \$2,500,000, in 100,000 shares of non-convertible stock, were filed with the secretary of state.

The duke of Albany is already forgotten, and the only mention of him now is in the society papers, which are chiefly engaged in criticizing adversely the arrangements for the funeral.

The depression in English shipping has become extreme. The ports are crowded with destitute and suffering sailors. In Shields alone there are 4,000 seamen out of employment.

The bourgeoisie of France has been thrown into a state of fierce alarm by the acceptance by the chamber of deputies of the principle of the new army bill.

The expectation is strong that these arrests will lead to important disclosures which will throw light upon the recent explosions. We believe that one of the informers will be produced who will reveal the headquarters of the conspiracy.

How stands the Presidential canvass. A Washington Special says that up to Saturday night the 12th inst., there have been chosen 196 delegates to the Republican convention.

A Sensation in the Sharon Case. In the Sharon divorce case in San Francisco, on Monday the 14th, the deposition of H. M. True of Santa Cruz was read.

Light Railroad Earnings. Of 21 lines, 10 show an increase in gross earnings and 11 a decrease.

Chicago Markets. Wheat, No. 2 Chicago spring, 79 1/2 @ 84c. Corn, 45 @ 48c.

Milwaukee Markets. Wheat, No. 2, 85c. Oats, No. 2, 22c. Rye, No. 1, 60c. Barley, No. 2, 70c.

St. Paul Markets. Wheat, No. 1 hard, 80c @ 82c. No. 2 white, 82c @ 84c.

Political News of the Week.

Senator Miller of New York has come out for Blaine. Nearly all, if not all the Pennsylvania republican delegates to Chicago are committed to Blaine.

At the city election in St. Cloud, Minn., C. F. MacDonald was re-elected mayor without opposition. "Either Grant or Blaine will be the Republican nominee for president," said Congressman Belford.

Reuben Ellwood was renominated for congress by the Republicans of the fifth district of Illinois. Bob Ingersoll's own preference would be Justice Harlan, and next, he said Postmaster General Gresham.

The date of the Third district delegate and congression convention at Faribault is April 29, and not April 25. A Mississippi state convention, to elect delegates to Chicago, and presidential electors, is called for June 11 at Jackson.

Powers and Remsen, delegates from the First district of Mississippi, are unpledged but one is for Blaine and the other for Arthur.

The result of the primary elections in Cook county last Friday is a black eye for Logan, he having carried but one district in the county.

Washington and has come to the conclusion that the presidential ticket will be Blaine and Lincoln. The Twenty-ninth republican congressional convention, New York, elects a Blaine delegation to Chicago.

The Eleventh district republican convention at Bushnell, Ill., elected C. V. Chandler and C. A. Ballard delegates to Chicago.

Gov. Curtin of Pennsylvania, asked his preference for the nominees of the Democratic party for president, said: "Samuel J. Randall, first last, and all the time."

In the republican congressional convention, Fifth Illinois district, S. M. Kelly and Charles Fuller were elected delegates to the national convention. They are unpledged and uncommitted.

The Missouri delegation to the Republican national convention stands: Blaine, 11; Arthur, 9; Logan, 7; Edmunds, 5. None of the delegates are strongly pronounced in their preferences.

The colored voters of Des Moines, Iowa, have organized into a club. The speeches made at the preliminary meeting indicate a dissatisfaction with their allotment of the votes and fishes.

The Republican congressional convention of the Thirtieth New York district, elected Hamilton Fish, Jr. and B. Platt Carpenter delegates to Chicago, and voted down a resolution endorsing Blaine.

The Seventeenth congressional district of New York elected M. I. Townsend and H. G. Binleigh delegates, and R. C. Betts and William Kinsleigh alternates to the Republican convention for Arthur.

The following Republican congressional nominations were made Friday, the 11th: Illinois, Lewis E. Payson, renominated; Tennessee, J. H. Rowell, renominated; Seventeenth, A. J. Hamilton.

The time of holding the national prohibition convention has been changed from May 21 to July 21. This secures representation from twenty-two states in the Union to the convention, which will be held at Pittsburg.

The tariff resolutions adopted by the Pennsylvania State Democratic convention are as follows: We favor a tariff or revenue, limited to the necessities of government economically administered and so adjusted in its application as to prevent unequal burdens.

The following delegates to the republican national convention were chosen at various district conventions on the 11th: Seventeenth Illinois, J. J. Rinecker and J. M. Truitt, uncommitted. Fourteenth Pennsylvania, J. H. Wagner and Horace Brock; required to sign a pledge to support Blaine.

None of these delegates are specially instructed, and their personal presidential preferences have not been announced. The elections named were as follows: At large, P. A. Thompson; Rev. Mr. Gaines, (colored); First district, S. C. Brock; Second, George Hall; Third, W. H. Homsley; Fourth, Lyman Parker; Fifth, Roderick B. Johnson; Sixth, J. W. Moore; Seventh, L. A. Thompson; Eighth, Gus Sessions; Ninth, Nathan Cole; Tenth, C. A. Newcomb; Eleventh, E. G. Evans; Twelfth, R. C. Matthews; Thirteenth, Solon Spencer; Fourteenth, W. W. Kramer.

The following is the Democratic electoral ticket of Pennsylvania: At large—Richard Caux, B. McGraw, H. B. Plummer. District delegates—John Stevin; John P. J. Sennender; John W. Lee; Herbert J. Horn; Richard L. Wright; John H. Brenton; William Stohler; Charles F. Leutschler; H. M. North; Harry J. Stiles; A. G. Broadhead, Jr.; F. V. Rockafellow; no choice. The between Michael Beard and Richard Kahn; George H. Irwin; George S. Purdy; P. W. Ackley; John P. Levan; Ezra D. Parker; E. W. Munna; A. H. Dill; Franklin P. James; P. K. P. Duff; John Swan; A. B. Winternitz; John H. Hill; William A. Farquer; A. J. Greenfield.

The complete list of Republican district delegates from Missouri to the Chicago convention is as follows: First, J. T. Baker, B. D. Cramer; Second, J. H. Turner, A. W. Muller; Third, J. H. Thomas, Ira R. Hyde; Fourth, A. C. Dawes, O. C. Hill; Fifth, John B. Jones, William Warner; Sixth, W. S. Shirk, Oden Guitler; Seventh, Theodore Bremner, M. G. Reynolds; Eighth, Henry C. Myer, John C. Buesick; Ninth, Chamney I. Filley, J. H. McLean; Tenth, Fred W. Mott, K. V. Weber; Eleventh, Edward Menchen, E. D. Sankey; Twelfth, J. B. A. Upton, Norman Gibbs; Fourteenth, A. B. Carroll, Boyd Duncan.

The republican delegates of Indiana to the Chicago Convention are: First district, Gen James C. Veach, F. B. Posey; Second, George G. Rielly, W. R. Gardner; Third, D. M. Aispaugh, A. P. Charles; Fourth, J. O. Cravens, E. G. Hay; Fifth, Joseph I. Irwin, W. A. Montgomery; Sixth, J. W. Mellette, C. H. Barnard, Scoville, H. C. Adams, L. T. Mendenhall; Eighth, W. C. Smith, W. R. McKon; Ninth, George B. Williams, Americans C. Daily; Tenth, Simon P. Thompson, G. W. Holman; Eleventh, J. B. Kemner, Jonas Vola; Twelfth, O. A. Simons, O. Carver; Thirteenth, J. B. Oliver, George Moon.

The delegates, almost without exception, favor an Indiana man with strong preferences for Senator Harrison. For second choice Blaine leads, and his name always goes with Lincoln for vice president. Stanton J. Peelle was renominated for congress in the Seventh district and Gen. Thomas M. Browne in the Sixth. The state convention to select four delegates at large, will be held in Indianapolis on the 17th inst.

CONGRESSIONAL SUMMARY

A joint resolution was introduced in the house by Mr. McCoid of Iowa to provide for the appointment of a committee of seventy-six to be composed of two persons for each state, of different political parties, for the purpose of considering and proposing to the several states the propriety of the legislatures of two-thirds of the states calling a convention to meet on the 4th day of July, 1886, for proposing amendments to the constitution of the United States.

Mr. McMillan presented to the senate the memorial of the St. Paul chamber of commerce, praying for an appropriation of \$25,000 for the improvement of the Mississippi river at that work. Mr. Strait introduced a bill for the relief of Mary Monti, widow of a late wagonmaster in the United States army in the war with Mexico.

In the senate, Mr. Bayard moved and the senate adopted the following amendment to the naval appropriation bill: That the secretaries of war and the navy, with the assistance of the gun foundry board, which the amendment revives, to report on the beginning of the next session of congress for a plan and estimate for the preparation and purchase of a plat for a gun factory to complete guns from six inches calibre to sixteen inches calibre, including buildings and shrinking plant, and to report a full and detailed estimate for the cost aforesaid, and whether the same can be better and more economically performed in establishments owned by the government or by private contract, or by a combined system whereby said work can be accomplished partly by the government and partly by private contract, and in what annual installments said appropriation can most economically be made.

In the House Mr. Reed of Maine offered a preamble and resolution reciting that the foot and mouth disease had been introduced in Maine through the fault or oversight of United States officials charged with the inspecting and guaranteeing importations of cattle and directing the committee on agriculture to make an investigation of the matter, with authority to report for consideration at any time they deem proper a bill to reimburse the authorities of citizens of that state for expenses which had been properly and judiciously incurred and may be incurred in the suppression of the disease. Adopted.

In the house on the 15th Mr. Morrison moved to take up the tariff bill, and by a vote of 140 yeas and 138 nays it was decided to consider the measure. There are 233 members of the house, two districts, the Second Mississippi and the Seventh Virginia, not being represented. Politically, congress is divided into 137 democrats and 136 republicans. The total vote on the bill. Of these 135 were democrats, and five were republican. The negative vote consisted of forty democrats and ninety-eight republicans. The absentees were twenty-two democrats and twenty-three republicans. Three Minnesota members, Straff, Nelson and Walker, in favor of considering the Morrison bill. There were two other republicans who voted with them—namely, Anderson of Kansas and James of Brooklyn, N. Y. The Minnesota members, who virtually decided the question of taking up the bill do not promise to vote for it, but say the people demand a lower tariff, and therefore they favor a discussion of its merits. After the vote was taken Mr. Morrison made a lengthy speech, to which Mr. Kelly replied. The arguments on both sides are familiar to all.

Mr. Seymour, from the committee on commerce, reported the bill authorizing the St. Cloud Water Power company to construct a dam across the Mississippi river at St. Cloud, Minn. Mr. Matson, invalid member, introduced a bill to pension soldiers and sailors for disabilities incurred beyond the loss of a leg, or an arm. Committee of the whole. Also, advocated granting service pension.

The senate Tuesday began the consideration of Mr. Dawes' bill to divide a portion of the reservation of the Sioux Indians in Dakota into separate reservations, and to secure the relinquishment of the Indian title to the remainder. Mr. Dawes made a speech in explanation of the bill.

The house committee on coinage, weights and measures unanimously instructed representative Lacey to report favorably his bill to prohibit the issue of treasury notes of less than \$5, and provide for the issue of \$1, \$2 and \$5 silver certificates.

Senator Sabin has introduced a bill to revive the rank of general of the army, which expired with Sherman's retirement. The house committee on military affairs has reported adversely on such a bill, and the prospect of its becoming a law.

The bill introduced by Mr. Olney to provide for additional members of the legislatures of the several territories, and an increase of pay to the members and officers thereof was reported by the committee on territories. It provides that the legislatures of the territories shall consist of thirteen members of the council and twenty-five members of the house of representatives, the members to receive \$8 per day and mileage during the session; that the additional members shall be elected by the territory until otherwise provided by the said several legislatures; that the president of the council and the speaker of the house of representatives shall receive \$10 a day for the same time and that the officers of the legislatures shall receive \$5 per day.

Mr. Slater of Oregon requested and obtained the unanimous consent of the senate to make a few remarks relative to the Northern Pacific land grant forfeiture. His remarks related to the division in Washington Territory and Oregon. He was in favor of the forfeiture of the lands, but thought the people, who had settled upon these lands, should be allowed to retain their titles, paying \$1.25 or not more than \$2.50 per acre, for the land. His colleague, Mr. Dolph, asked the bill be held on the table for a few days, as he wished to speak on the subject.

Representative Beach was instructed by the house committee on public health to report the resolution authorizing the committee to inquire into the extent and character of adulterated food and drugs imported into the United States or exported therefrom. The resolution provides that the committee sit during the summer recess.

The bill to relieve certain soldiers from the charge of desertion, which is now being considered by the house, removes the charge of desertion from the record of soldiers who served in the volunteer service, and it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the secretary of war that such soldiers served faithfully until the expiration of their terms of enlistment or until May 1, 1865, but by reason of absence from their command at the time the same was mustered out, failed to receive an honorable discharge, or were applied to cases in which it appears a soldier charged with desertion subsequently enlisted in another regiment and was honorably discharged. The house committee on territories, by a vote of 7 to 5, adopted a substitute offered by Alexander to Cassidy's bill providing for the appointment by the president of a commission to govern Utah. The provision relating to marriages requires that they be solemnized by a minister, judge or justice of the peace, and the person so officiating shall file a certificate of marriage before the county recorder of lands within thirty days after the ceremony. Failure to file or record is punishable by a fine of \$300. The substitute makes the solemnization of marriages, when either party to be married has a husband or wife living, a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in jail not less than six months nor more than twelve.