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In a paper read before the members of the state board of charities, Hal C. Wyman, M. S. M. D. of Detroit, said: "The motto of every hospital for the care of the pauper should be 'surgical operations at the earliest possible moments, in all cases in which such treatment would appear most likely to make the patient's condition better.' Very commonly poor houses and the hospitals associated with them are simply herding places for people who are insane from injuries of the head which may be relieved by a surgical operation; of persons who are epileptic as the result of wounds which surgical treatment might ameliorate, or who are infirm and paupers from chronic diseases of the bones and joints, which many times could be cured by amputation, or by the removal of a dead bone, or the circumsion of an ulcer. But these cases for some reason are very commonly neglected, simply because the patient himself does not *ask* for treatment of this kind. An energetic, conscientious medical officer will ferret out these cases and urge the value of such an operation to the patient, and to the superintendents of the poor who have them in charge.

The Washington correspondent of "The Philadelphia Record" is sure that the Hon. Don M. Dickinson will presently be postmaster general, but, being only forty-one years old, he will not content himself with that office. He has his eye on the United States senate. He would like to be a little richer before going into that expensive body. That is why he did not like to leave his practice and go to Washington now. But he will arrange his practice so that his partners can carry it on with some assistance from him and he can still get a lion's share of the profits. He thinks Michigan will be a democratic state within the next five years. By the time the first democratic legislature shall have been elected, he will be ready, he thinks, to come to the senate. And he expects, when he shall come, to find his friend Villas presiding over its deliberations as vice president.

Soon after Mr. Gladstone began selling chips from the trees he had chopped down, at a fixed schedule of prices, an Inland Revenue officer concluded that the Grand Old Man and his son having opened a business with British and Irish people, it was desirable that the tax derived by Her Majesty from such operations should be placed beyond possibility of loss. Accordingly a request was forwarded to Hawarden for a log. The order was executed with promptitude and dispatch, thus establishing the bona-fide character of the business. The next move on the part of the Somerset House functionary was to forward the usual form for the "declaration of income arising from trade" to the unsuspecting ex-Premier. The consequences are unknown; but the form has not yet been returned to the income tax authorities.

Senator Evart's house in Washington used to be full of young girls. His daughters have all married off, however, and only Miss Mary Evarts remains at home. Miss Evarts is anxious to retire from active social life, as she finds the round of gayeties at the capital something of a bore, but her father will not let her go into seclusion. He takes great interest in her toilets, and complains that she does not purchase enough evening dresses to please him. It is so seldom that the father of a young woman in society makes such a complaint that Senator Evarts stands almost alone in this matter.

Judge Richardson of the New York court of claims, when lecturing to law students the other day, said to them. "Be honest, if for no other reason than that the world believes all lawyers to be tricksters. It is impossible to disabuse the entire public of that error, but when an individual gets into trouble, comes to you and finds you square and true in your dealings, he is so delightfully surprised that he becomes your warm friend for life. He still says that all lawyers are cheats, but makes an emphatic exception in favor of his lawyer."

"Van," the favorite shepherd dog of the late Rev. Henry Ward Beecher lived for years at the Peekskill residence the pet dog of the family. This beautiful animal, with his shaggy coat, liquid, laughing brown eyes and the sunniest kind of a dog disposition, left the Beecher mansion soon after his master's death to live with a kind-hearted neighboring family. Nothing will induce the dog to return to his former home since the master left it.

Peter White is an Indian who lives in the forests near Terryville, Conn., and makes a living by hunting and fishing. He claims ownership to the entire neighborhood, asserting that his fathers of the Pequot tribe never surrendered their title. He says he will defend his rights with his gun, and has already killed three dogs which were set upon him. He is about the worst Indian outbreak New England has had since King Phillip's time.

Mr. John P. St. John of Kansas, says he thinks General C. B. Fisk of New Jersey, will be the prohibitionist candidate for president next year. Mr. Blaine and Mr. Cleveland will, in his opinion, be the republican and democratic candidates respectively; and he modestly adds that the third party "will have the same standing in the campaign of 1888 that the republicans had in 1856."

A Washington letter says that shortly after the death of Gen. Hancock his widow was invited to visit Washington to inspect a house which was to be bought for her. She was delighted with the house and moved her furniture to Washington and stored it. Months have passed and Mrs. Hancock has heard nothing more from her generous "friends."

STATE NEWS.

Union Veteran's Union.

Col. L. G. Norton, of Byron, a man of stalwart proportions, whose most noticeable features are a big, kind face and a long, black beard, has been doing good work in Michigan for the new union veteran's union. The society was organized some sixteen months ago, the object being not only to rival the grand army of the republic, but to associate those who saw active service. It is, in fact, like the grand army republic in all respects, except that six months of actual service at the front (unless discharged for wounds) during the rebellion are necessary for eligibility to membership. Col. Norton is an organizing commander and operates both in this and other states. M. A. Dillion, of Washington, is the commander-in-chief. Charters have been issued to veterans in Corunna, Galesburg, Muskegon, Byron and St. Clair, and the colonel visited Wayne this week. There are about a dozen towns ready to apply for charters as soon as the organizer can visit them. All Michigan veterans who wish to join this society as well as the grand army, and are eligible, can gain any information they may desire by addressing Col. Norton at Byron, Mich.

The Sportsmen.

Dr. E. S. Holmes, president of the Michigan Sportsmen's Association, has issued the following circular:

The following gentlemen have been appointed to constitute the standing committees, whose duty it is to consider the subjects included in the several headings, and make full reports at the next annual session of the association to be held in Detroit, Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 24 and 25, 1888.

Committee on Laws—T. F. Shepard of Bay City; A. L. Lakey of Kalamazoo; Mark Norris of Grand Rapids.

Committee on Enforcement—Joel C. Parker of Grand Rapids; Wm. B. Mershan of East Saginaw; E. O. Lancaster of Flint.

Committee on Nomenclature—Dr. Morris Gibbs, George H. Wynans, E. H. Randy, all of Kalamazoo.

Committee on Publication—Mark Norris, T. Stewart White, F. E. Blakely, all of Grand Rapids.

A Big Law Suit.

In October, 1885, Michael Jeffers, the well known Saginaw capitalist and democratic politician, entered into a contract with John Torrent and Patrick Ducy for the purchase of 25,000 acres of pine land in Muskegon Chippewa and Schoolcraft counties. The understanding was that the bargain was to be concluded within three months, and Mr. Jeffers asserts that he has always been ready to stand by his part of the agreement. Messrs. Ducey and Torrent, however, he asserts, went back on the bargain. The timbered lands have since largely increased in value, and Attorney Weadock, of the law firm of Tarney & Weadock, has brought suit in the Wayne circuit court against Messrs. Ducey and Torrent in which Jeffers places his damages for breach of contract at $300,000. One of the defendants is now a resident of Detroit.

Will Probably be Mackinac.

The state military board has returned from its Mackinac trip much in favor of that locality for next year's state encampment. Gov. Luce also favored the project if the expense can be kept within the limits of the appropriation for that purpose. Some time will be required to make accurate estimates and comparisons upon this feature, the only present apparent objection. Until this is done no conclusion will be reached. In the opinion of the board Mackinac possesses superior advantages over Island Lake so far as the health, comfort and the morals of the militia are concerned. Transportation companies can probably afford concessions on account of the increase in travel the encampment will stimulate.

Salt for November.

The salt inspection in Michigan for November was as follows:

Counties	Barrels.
Manistee	72,763
Bay	58,335
Saginaw	50,023
St. Clair	49,846
Mason	31,314
Iosco	29,958
Huron	13,070
Midland	1,875
Total	325,187

Michigan News Briefly Told.

Mrs. Malonzo of Flint, whose husband was killed on the Chicago, St. Paul & Northern railroad in Minnesota last Jan., has just been paid by the company $2,750 for her husband's death.

J. E. Widner has shipped this season from various points in Northern Michigan, over 1,000,000 pieces of cedar for Ayer, the cedar king of Chicago, who handles more cedar than all other concerns in the country.

The second gas well at Niles has been abandoned.

At Calumet the other evening the village attorney, J. B. Curtis, jealous of C. W. Wentworth's attentions to his wife, entered the latter's photograph gallery. He accused Wentworth of unbecoming conduct, then he drew his revolver and fired. The shot entered Wentworth's right shoulder and he fell to the floor. Curtis fled.

Out of sixty-one applicants for certificates to teach at Kalamazoo only nineteen passed the required examination.

Silver three cent pieces raised to dimes are very numerous in the different parts of the state.

Francis Baker, one of the pioneers of Oakland county, was instantly killed in Holly the other day by Flint & Pere Marquette engine No. 18, bound north. He was standing on a platform quite near the track while the train was passing, and in turning around to move away it is thought some part of his clothes caught the forward part of the coach and drew him under the wheels, mangling him in a horrible manner. No blame can be attached to the railroad company, and they used every precaution passing through the yard. Mr. Baker was 82 years old. He leaves an aged widow and one son, as well as a large number of friends, to mourn his untimely death.

Muskegon has about $9,000 yet to raise to make good its committee's promise to Toledo, Saginaw & Muskegon road.

W. J. Spicer, general manager of the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee and of the Chicago & Grand Trunk roads, has resigned.

Traverse City wants a first-class foundery and machine shop.

Chas. Mathews, of Ravenna, lost his barn, six cows, a span of horses, farming implements, &c., by fire the other day.

The last rail of the Toledo, Saginaw and Muskegon railroad was laid on the 30th just east of Sparta, and through trains will be running on the line by Dec. 20. This is the road that leads from Muskegon east on the T., A. A. & N. M.

A smash-up occurred on the Grand Trunk near Port Huron the other day. Harry McGowan, a brakeman, was instantly killed.

Michigan university is represented by nine graduates in the present congress: Senator O. K. Davis, Minnesota; Congressman Hayes and Holmes of Iowa; Laird and Peters of Kansas; Palmer, Allen, Tarsney and Chipman of Michigan.

The Unaka iron company has been organized at Grand Rapids to mine iron near Unaka Springs, in western North Carolina.

A Grand Rapids paper says there are 567 boys of five years and older in the public schools of that city who use tobacco.

C. V. R. Pond, ex-labor commissioner of Michigan, has gone to Arkansas City, Ark., to live.

There is trouble in Cadillac over the right of way of the Toledo, Ann Arbor & Cadillac railroad. A force of men attempted to go to work upon land occupied by one Chapin. Chapin had, however, placed a barrier in the way of the railroad men, and with several friends had prepared to resist what he deemed as an encroachment. A regular battle ensued in which several persons were seriously injured.

Flint people have repudiated standard time.

Dentist Scott of Vicksburg has the original deed by which ownership in 350 acres of land in Virginia was transferred in 1937.

The drain laws of the state now in force have been compiled under the direction of secretary of state, as have also the laws relating to highway and bridges, and may be obtained by addressing that officer at Lansing.

The little village of Pittsford, Hillsdale county, was nearly wiped out by fire the other day. The loss is about $10,000. This is the second bad fire this village has had in about a year.

A nut and bolt factory is to be established at Coldwater.

James Fox, the Michigan Central ticket agent at Mackinaw City, has taken a car load of fine stock to Tennessee, where he will establish a stock ranch.

The following officers were elected at the recent fruit growers' convention at Paw Paw: Walter Phillips of Grand Haven was re-elected president; G. H. Lafleur, Allegan, secretary; A. Smith, Benton Harbor, treasurer. The next meeting will be held at Benton Harbor the last Wednesday in May.

Five boys escaped from the state reform school at Lansing recently and were captured in the suburbs of Mason a few hours later.

The report of the state railroad commissioner, just out, says that during 1886 only 2 railroad passengers were killed, 47 railroad employes slaughtered and 77 people who had no business on the railroad removed to the farther shore. From this it would seem that the most dangerous thing a fellow can do is to avoid having any business with the railroads.

Lansing is preparing to do the square thing in the case of the state teachers' association which meets there Dec. 27-29. The hotels announce a special rate and an entertaining and instructive program has been prepared.

The brotherhood of locomotive engineers have paid Mrs. Geo. Phillips of Jackson the sum of $3,000, being the amount of the insurance on the life of her husband, who died recently.

Gus. Helbing, the young man shot in the railroad war at Cadillac, is dead.

Dr. Henry F. Reynolds of red ribbon fame has retired from active work in the temperance field, and settled in Detroit as a practitioner and teacher of Christian science. The Doctor has been investigating this science for many years, and for the past three years has made it a specialty. Thoroughness is his motto in whatever he undertakes, and to better enable him to successfully practice and teach the *new old* theology, he entered Mrs. Eddy's metaphysical college in Boston from which institution he recently graduated. He has had flattering offers to locate in other states, but his predilections for a home in Michigan, where he has done some of his best work in the temperance field, determined him to locate in Detroit. His friends are cordially welcomed to his office, 52 Adams Ave. West, Detroit, where he will convince them that the mental application of the truth is *the cure-all* for all bodily infirmities.

The Michigan Short Horn Cattle Breeders' Association will hold its annual session at the senate chamber, in Lansing, December 21 and 22.

Ida Keen, a blind girl at the state institution for the blind, runs a type writer very cleverly, which for a blind person, is more difficult than to play the piano.

Miss Jennie Smith, the daughter of a well-to-do farmer of Sand Creek, Kent county, has eloped with a big burly colored man as black as the ace of spaces.

"Night-cap" socials afford amusement in different towns in the state.

F. Kalkstine's barn in Traverse city, with four horses, seven head of cattle and all his grain and hay, was destroyed by fire on the 10th inst. No insurance. The origin of the fire is at present unknown.

Prof. Bailey of the agricultural college will deliver a series of lectures on horticulture at Cornell university in January.

Dr. Frederick Ludwig Von Dolke, a native of Iceland and a man of education, is visiting Scandinavian friends in Grand Rapids.

Miss Florence Perrine, who graduated from Albion college last June, has been appointed a missionary to Chin Kiang, in Central China, and has entered the Chicago training school to more fully prepare herself. When she arrives there will be three missionaries of Albion in that field, the other two being Miss Mary Robinson and Dr. Lou Hoag.

Wm. Smith, who is putting in heavy mill machinery between Onondaga and Eaton Rapids, has built a dam across Grand river 210 feet long and so raised the water that it affects Samuel Stetler's flouring mill and he cannot run. The latter talks of heavy damages. Smith's mill will cut 50,000 feet of lumber a day, and Stetler could grind 200 barrels of flour daily before Smith dammed the river.

George Cory, who sleeps in a room over Olmstead & Storm's bank in Galesburg, heard some one trying to get into the bank. He grasped his revolver and rushed down stairs, and was confronted with three masked men. He opened fire on the burglars, chasing them for several blocks. One of the burglars, who gave his name as Lawrence, was shot through the lungs. The others escaped.

Gideon Fry died at Big Rapids at 9:45 and his brother, Geo. Fry of Oil City, Pa., claims that at that hour his clock stopped and a voice in the clock said "I am gone, I am gone." It is now found that those were Gideon's last words.

A Washington dispatch says: "Secretary Whitney states that the purchase of grounds for a military post near the village of Sault Ste. Marie, under act approved July 8, 1886, has been delayed by difficulties about the title to the land tendered to the United States by Thomas Ryan. The offer of Mr. Ryan was accepted, but pending the examination of the title by the attorney-general, Mr. Ryan sold a strip of land 80 feet wide through the center of the tract to the village of Sault Ste. Marie. An adjustment of the difficulties arising from this action has not yet been reached."

Natural gas has been struck at Allegan.

DETROIT MARKETS.

WHEAT, White	$ 81	@	81¼
" Red	81	@	81¼
CORN, per bu	45	@	50
OATS, "	34	@	34¼
BARLEY,	1 45	@	1 55
MALT	80	@	90
TIMOTHY SEED	2 05	@	2 25
CLOVER SEED, per bag	4 00	@	4 02
FEED, per cwt	15 00	@	15 50
BUCKWHEAT FLOUR	2 50	@	2 75
FLOUR—Michigan patent	4 25	@	4 50
Michigan roller	3 75	@	4 15
Minnesota patent	4 75	@	5 00
Minnesota bakers'	4 00	@	4 25
Michigan rye	3 00	@	3 25
APPLES, new, per bbl	1 75	@	2 25
CRANBERRIES, per bu	1 75	@	2 00
QUINCES, per bbl	4 00	@	4 50
BEANS, pick	2 20	@	2 25
" unpick	1 40	@	1 60
BEESWAX	25	@	30
BUTTER	16	@	18
CHEESE, per lb	12	@	12½
DRIED APPLES, per lb	4	@	5
EGGS, per doz	20	@	21
HONEY, per lb	18	@	20
HOPS	22	@	30
HAY, per ton, clover	6 00	@	7 00
" " timothy	10 00	@	11 00
MALT, per bu	70	@	75
ONIONS, per bbl	2 00	@	2 25
POTATOES, per bu	80	@	85
POULTRY—Chickens, per lb	6	@	7
Geese	6	@	7
Turkeys	8	@	9
Ducks per lb	6	@	7
PROVISIONS—Mess Pork	13 75	@	14 00
Family	14 25	@	14 50
Extra mess beef	7 00	@	7 25
Lard	7	@	7½
Dressed hogs	5 25	@	5 50
" Beef	2½	@	4
" Calves	7	@	8
" Lambs	5½	@	7½
Hams	10	@	11
Shoulders	7	@	7½
Bacon	11	@	11½
Tallow, per lb	3½	@	4
HIDES—Green City per lb	6	@	6½
Country	6½	@	7
Cured	7½	@	8
Salted			9
Sheep skins, wool	50	@	1 25

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—Market stronger. Fancy, $@5 30; shipping steers, $2 85@4 50; stockers and feeders $2@2 85; cows, bulls and mixed $1 10@2 50; bulk, $1 80@2 25; Texas cattle, $1 50@$2 75.

HOGS—Market strong early, closing easier; mixed, $4 65@5 15; heavy, $4 85@5 35; light, $ 50@4 85; skips, $3@4 30.

SHEEP—Market good, stronger; common, weak; natives, $2 75@4 30; western, $3@3 75; Texans, $3 50@4 10; lambs, $4 35@5 20.

AT THE CAPITAL.

But Little Work Being Done by Congress.

General Washington News.

Speaker Carlisle hopes to have the house committees ready for announcement before the holiday recess.

The annual report of Attorney-General Garland was transmitted to congress on the 6th. Considerable portion of the report is devoted to the subject of the establishment of a government prison.

Representative wool growers and wool dealers held a convention the other morning, at which time a committee was appointed to formulate the views of the convention relative to the tariff, in so far as it affects the wool industry.

It is rumored that an attempt is to be made to push a bill through embodying the president's views on the tariff.

Members of the British peace commission addressed the senate committee on foreign relations the other day.

The secretary of the interior holds the state of Colorado entitled to sections of land in the reservation.

The increase in estimates for the next fiscal year over those submitted for the current year is $8,178,937.

As soon as the committees are formed, Senator Farwell will introduce a bill to perpetuate the national banking system.

Senator Wilson of Iowa has prepared several amendments to the inter-state commerce law.

Congressman Chipman has asked that all of the Detroit libraries be furnished with the United States patent office official gazette.

Mr. Chipman will introduce a bill for a large additional appropriation for the new Detroit postoffice. He thinks another half million should be had, and that will undoubtedly be the amount of the proposed appropriation. It is not likely this can be secured this session, but part will be obtained and the balance given next session. This will give $1,225,000 for the building.

Congressman Lyman of Iowa is preparing a bill to refund the direct tax paid during the war. Within the past two or three years there has been a growing sentiment in favor of a proposition of this character, and if the proposed bill can ever be considered in the house there is little doubt that it will have the support of every northern representative, which would be enough to insure its passage. Every northern state is directly interested, and the bill, if it should pass, would relieve the treasury of some of its surplus and place the money where it properly belongs.

The members of the evangelical alliance paid their respects to President and Mrs. Cleveland the other day. Among the number was the Rev. Dr. Burchard of New York of the "Three R's" fame. The president recognized him at once and advancing towards him said, with considerable earnestness and fervor, that he was very glad to see him, whereupon the crowd of delegates broke out into laughter.

The conference of wool growers and dealers, which has been in session in Washington for several days, adjourned on the 10th inst., until Jan'y 11.

Capt. S. S. Blackford of the capitol police dropped dead on the street near the treasury building the other day.

Senator Palmer has introduced his bill for the regulation of emigration. Also a bill which passed the senate last session relieving the sureties of M. Dexter, former receiver of public moneys at Ionia.

Gen. Bragg of Wisconsin is "figgering" to get the appointment as minister to Mexico.

Mr. Burrows offered a resolution in the house the other day requesting the secretary of war to order an examination of the harbor at St. Joseph, Mich., with a view of finding what further improvements are needed.

Eugene Higgins will soon tender his resignation as chief of the appointment division to engage in business for himself.

Representative and Mrs. Cutcheon have six Michigan ladies with them for the winter. They are Miss Anna Cutcheon of Detroit, the Misses Sands, Miss Lewis and Miss Leonard of Manistee and Miss Hackly of Muskegon. They will assist Mrs. Cutcheon in receiving during the winter.

A rich plum is in store for some one of the personal friends of Don M. Dickinson, if that gentleman's appointment as postmaster general is confirmed. It is customary for a new postmaster general to fill the office of chief clerk of the department by the appointment of a personal friend, as he is called upon to act in a private capacity much of the time. The duties consist of a sort of general management of the official force, and the salary is $2,500 per annum.

Judge Chipman has a bill prepared asking for $500,000 more to complete the Detroit postoffice.

Senator Edmunds has introduced his bill providing for the establishment of postal telegraph. It is practically the same bill introduced by him two years ago.

Among other bills introduced on the 12th inst. are the following: To promote foreign trade and encourage the American merchant marine; to amend the civil service act; for the admission into the union of Washington Territory; to pay to the several states and territories all moneys collected under the direct tax of 1865; authorizing the treasurer to apply the surplus money in the treasury to the purchase of United States bonds, or to the pre-payment of interest on the public debt; granting a pension to every soldier and sailor who is incapacitated for the performance of manual labor, and for pensions to dependent relatives of deceased soldiers and sailors; to pension the widow of Gen. Logan; to perpetuate the national banking system; to regulate immigration; extending the right of suffrage; for the admission of Dakota; for the protection of American labor; to make it a punishable offense for any railroad, sleeping car, telegraph or express company to offer free passes to any congressman or government employe; to amend the inter-state commerce law; to repeal the internal revenue tax on tobacco in all forms, and to repeal the import duties on sugar and tobacco; to require 10 years residence before foreigners can declare their intention of becoming citizens of the United States, except in the case of those arriving before the age of 21, when a residence of six years shall be required. The total number of bills introduced on this day was 594, the largest number ever introduced in the senate in one day.

During the week ending Dec. 10, 721,081 standard silver dollars were issued from the mints.

H. L. Williamson, agent of the Crow Indians in Montana, has tendered his resignation and the same has been accepted.

List of the Committees.

The following is the full list of the republican membership of the senate committees as arranged by the caucus:

Agriculture and Forestry—Palmer, Blair, Plumb, Sabin, Paddock.

Appropriations—Allison, Dawes, Plumb, Hale, Farwell.

Contingent Expenses—Jones (Nevada) and Paddock.

Census—Hall, Merrill, Wilson, (Iowa) Stockbridge, Davis.

District of Columbia—Ingalls, Spooner, Chace, Riddleberger, Farwell.

Education and Labor—Blair, Bowen, Palmer, Sawyer, Wilson.

Engrossed bills—Democratic chairman, Allison.

Enrolled Bills—Bowen, Sabin.

Civil Service and Retrenchment—Chace, Dawes, Manderson, Stanford, Stewart.

Claims—Spooner, Hoar, Mitchell, Stewart, Quay.

Coast Defenses—Dolph, Cameron, Hawley, Hiscock.

Commerce—Frye, Jones, Nevada, Dolph, Cameron, Sawyer, Cullom, Palmer.

Epidemic Diseases—Democratic chairman, Stanford, Chandler, Stockbridge.

To examine the several branches of the civil service—Quay, Aldrich, Allison.

Expenditures of Public Money—Farwell, Plumb, Platt, Sherman, Frye.

Finance—Merrill, Sherman, Jones (Nevada), Allison, Aldrich, Hiscock.

Fisheries—Stockbridge, Dawes, Stanford.

Foreign Relations—Sherman, Edmunds, Frye, Evarts, Dolph.

Improvement Mississippi River—Paddock, Chandler, Farwell, Hawley.

Judiciary—Edmunds, Ingalls, Hoar, Wilson, Evarts.

Indian Affairs—Dawes, Bowen, Labin, Platt, Stockbridge.

Library—Evarts, Hoar.

Manufactures — Riddleberger, Sabin, Quay.

Military Affairs — Hawley, Cameron, Manderson, Stewart, Davis.

Mines and Mining—Stewart, Jones (Nevada), Mitchell, Teller.

Naval Affairs—Cameron, Hale, Riddleberger, Stanford, Chandler.

Patents—Teller, Chace, Platt, Hiscock.

Pensions—Davis, Blair, Sawyer, Paddock, Quay.

Postoffices and Post Roads—Sawyer, Chace, Bowen, Mitchell, Quay.

Printing—Manderson, Hawley.

Private Land Claims—Democratic Chairman, Edmunds, Stewart.

Privileges and Elections—Hoar, Frye, Teller, Evarts, Spooner.

Public Buildings and Grounds—Stanford, Morrill, Spooner, Quay.

Public Lands—Plumb, Blair, Dolph, Teller, Paddock.

Railroads — Sabin, Sawyer, Hawley, Mitchell, Chandler, Stockbridge.

Revision of the Laws—Wilson (Iowa), Hale, Teller.

Revolutionary Claims—Democratic Chairman, Chace, Morrill.

Rules—Aldrich, Sherman, Ingalls.

Territories—Platt, Cullom, Manderson, Stewart, Davis.

Transportation Routes to the Seaboard—Mitchell, Plumb, Cullom, Dawes, Aldrich.

To Investigate the Condition of the Potomac Front—Democratic Chairman, Manderson, Riddleberger, Spooner.

Nicaragua Claims—Democratic Chairman, Hoar, Cameron.

Woman Suffrage—Democratic Chairman, Blair, Palmer, Chace, Bowen.

Additional Accommodations to the Library—Democratic Chairman, Morrill, Chandler.

Centennial of Constitution and Discovery of America—Hiscock, Sherman, Hoar.

Indian Traders—Chandler, Platt, Collum.

The special committee on inter-state commerce has been made a standing committee and its membership is increased. The republican members are as follows: Cullom, Platt, Blair, Wilson, Hiscock.

Senator Hawley, who relinquishes the chairmanship of the civil service committee and takes that of the committee on military affairs, will be a member of the former, and his name will probably be substituted for that of Stewart with the assent of the latter.

FARM PRODUCTS.

December Report of Department of Agriculture.

The December statistical report of the Department of Agriculture relates mainly to farm prices of agricultural products. The average value of corn is 43.8 cents per bushel, against 37.6 cents last year and 32.8 cents in 1885. In 1881 it was 63.8 cents, when the estimated product was 1,194,916,000 bushels. The difference is largely due to a general depression of values. The prices respectively in 1881 and 1887 are 61, and 48 in Ohio, 60 and 45 in Indiana, 58 and 41 in Illinois, 42 and 34 in Iowa, 45 and 37 in Missouri, 58 and 37 in Kansas and 39 and 30 in Nebraska. Prices in the Gulf States average lower than last year, resulting from a nearly full home supply. In the Atlantic states prices of home grown corn are only slightly advanced.

The average value of wheat is 6·c, only 3 mills higher than the average last year. It is 82c in New York, 81c in Pennsylvania, 74c in Pennsylvania, 74c in Michigan, 73c Ohio, 72c in Indiana, 70c in Illinois, 64 in Wisconsin, 62c in Missouri, 61c in Iowa and Kansas, 59c in Minnesota, 69c in Nebraska and 52c in Dakota.

The average for oats is 30.7c against 29.8 last year. Barley averages 52.2 instead of 53 last year. Buckwheat 56.1, or 1.7c higher than last year. The cereal averages for the entire country differ very slightly from those of last year, except as to corn. The value of hay is much increased. It averages 9.34 per ton, against 7.56 last year.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The Prince of Wales has been re-elected grand master of mark masons.

The strike of Havanna cigar makers is still unsettled.

Russia is massing her troops on the frontier.

Henry M. Jackson, late a clerk in the United States sub-treasury at New York, who absconded two months ago with over $10,000, has been located in Winnipeg. As he changed his stolen securities into Canadian money he will not be prosecuted.

The English government has dishonored bills to the amount of $300,000 drawn by the late Gen. Gordon during the seige of Khartoun, although the Cairo mixed tribunal had decided in favor of them.

Dr. McGlynn is going abroad in January to lecture in England and Scotland.

The Austrians have built railroads and made other necessary preparations for flooding the frontier provinces with soldiers in the event of Russian aggression. Reports from St. Petersburg are that Russia's intentions are wholly pacific, and these have been given some backing by the czar's government declining a Paris offer to raise a loan of $150,000,000.

The claims of the British Columbia sealers against the United States amount to about $300,000.

FERRY ATTACKED.

A French Revolutionist Attempts to Murder Him.

An immense sensation was caused in the chamber of deputies in Paris on the 10th inst. As M. Jules Ferry was passing through the round ante room leading into the "Salle des Pas Perdus," carrying a portfolio under his arm, he was assaulted by a short man with blonde whiskers, who drew a revolver and fired three shots at him. M. Ferry was wounded in the breast, side and thigh. The portfolio dulled the force of the shots, but Ferry fainted and had to be carried into the adjoining offices of the Questure. His assailant was nearly lynched by the excited crowds.

Owing to the fact that M. Ferry fainted the report rapidly spread that he had been seriously, if not fatally, wounded. M. Ferry was able to go to an hospital with the support of some friends. To a reply of anxious friends about the severity of the wound M. Ferry replied: "It is nothing." M. Ferry was able to walk from the hospital to his home after his wounds were dressed.

Berckein Aubertin, M. Ferry's assailant, is a native of Rombach, in Moselle. When he made the attack on M. Ferry he was accompanied by an accomplice who was to have shot M. Goblet, but who funked, giving as his reason that his revolver dropped to the floor. When Aubertin was searched by the police a paper was found on him which indicated that he and his confederates had drawn lots to decide who should do the shooting. The paper ends, "Death to intriguers. Our path is marked out to form an intelligent, disinterested and patriotic ministry. So be it."

The French Cabinet.

The new ministry of France is composed as follows:

M. Tirard, president of the council, minister of finance, and minister of posts and telegraphs; M. Fallieres, minister of justice; M. Flourens, minister of foreign affairs; M. Sarrien, minister of the interior; M. Dautresme, minister of commerce; M. Loubet, minister of public works; M. de Mahy, minister of marine; M. Viette, minister of agriculture; M. Faye, minister of public instruction; Gen. Logerot, minister of war.

Of the new cabinet MM. Tirard, Fallieres, Faye, de Mahy, Loubet and Dautresme belong to the Union of the Left, and MM. Sarrien and Vietta belong to the more advanced group. M. Flourens and Gen. Logerot are not members of the chamber of deputies.

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