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STATE NEWS.

STATE DEMOCRATS

Choose Delegates to the National Convention.

The Platform—State Central Committee.

The democratic state convention was held in Grand Rapids on June 26 and 27. After prayer by Rev. Dr. Campbell Fair of Grand Rapids (Ien. L. G. Rutherford was called to the chair. He was afterwards made permanent chairman of the convention, and Peter Rush was chosen permanent secretary. The committee on resolutions presented the following, which was adopted:

The democratic citizens of Michigan, by their delegates in state convention at Grand Rapids assembled, adopt the following in accord with the national administration, in its efforts to reduce taxation to the legitimate wants of the government, economically administered, do declare:

1. We believe, now as always, in that bed rock principle of all democratic governments, that the burden of taxation should secure the greatest good to the greatest number of the people.

2. We believe that the habitual disregard of this principle, in the legislation of the republican party for the quarter a century during which an insufferable Providence has afflicted that party in power, is conclusively of democratic administrations, is the prime mother of business demoralization and of the burdens borne by labor, intended because buried beneath unjust class legislation.

3. We believe that this system of class legislation cannot long be continued; that the living question of the hour is, whether it shall be gradually and wisely changed, or whether it shall be continued until it becomes a burden too grievous to be borne.

4. We believe that principle of civil service which requires the citizen filling any post of public duty to give his time and ability to the honest and conscientious discharge of that duty. We also believe that he can best do this when in sympathy with the principles held and the ends sought to be attained by the administration entrusted with the executive duties of government.

5. We believe in a strict construction of the Constitution, in the reserved rights and implied powers, not delegated to the United States, but reserved to the states respectively, or to the people.

6. We seek by national legislation, among other, these national ends:

(A). Gradual but certain reduction of the tax imposed by the U. S. government on revenue basis; to the end that grievous taxes should be removed from the laboring masses and accumulations of unnecessary surplus in the treasury be diminished to the lowest point consistent with the maintenance of the national faith and credit.

We demand, as a part of the fullest sympathy with the letter and spirit of the president's message upon this subject.

It is a nasty, mean, little, selfish, in the interest of the laboring taxpayer; instinct with the wise rights of the "Old Hickory," and, "by the eternal!" it has pure justice and holy truth for its inspiration.

(B). Such legislation as will further save for the citizen and the settler the public domain, and wrest from corporate and alien claim every acre not now legally theirs. That all unearned land grants to corporations be restored to the government as speedily as possible, for the use and benefit of actual settlers.

(C). Just and liberal pensions laws, carefully guarded from the inroads of those not entitled to the bounty of the government and the democratic party renews its pledge of gratitude and indebtedness to the brave and so nobly risked their lives for the preservation of the Union. We heartily approve of the conduct of the pension department in the present administration under the gallant soldier, John C. Black, who has been pursuit since the war, and we condemn in the strongest terms, the recent slander of the memories of the dead patriots who gave their lives and best services to their country.

That the persistent and unceasing attempt to contract labor, inaugurated by the republican party, is detrimental to the interests of the working classes of this country, and has been productive of discord and confusion in the past and threatens, if not the genius of American liberty; and while extending a hearty welcome and protection to honest labor seeking a home among us, we deprecate the policy which has inaugurated such a system, and demand its entire suspension.

A reduced rate of the internal revenue from whisky and tobacco until the burdens the tax-payers complain of shall have been largely removed from the taxpayer and his family.

(D). Honest and manly recognition of the effort of all nations for freer government and humane rule.

That we appreciate the honor conferred upon Michigan by the wise appointment to the national cabinet of one of her distinguished fellow citizen, Hon. Don. M. Dickinson.

That in Grover Cleveland we have found a fearless, honest and able leader, a man with ability to form just conclusions and moral courage to assert and maintain them, a man true to the spirit of democratic principles, and a safe guide to secure the large governing a free and independent people. We therefore join in the spontaneous and universal demand for his renomination and re-election.

The laboring man, bearing in his hand the indispensable contribution to our growth and progress, may well insist, with manly courage, and right, upon the protection from those who make our laws as is accorded to any other citizen, and as a valuable interest in charge; and his reasonable demands should be met in such a spirit of appreciation and fairness as to leave him contented and patriotic co-operation in the achievement of a grand national destiny.

I. M. Weston, G. L. Yapple, M. H. Chamberlain and F. P. Kimmerly, chosen delegates at large, and L. G. Rutherford, John Longenecker, J. A. Dean and L. C. Holden, alternates, "by fourfold" votes, as the states were chosen: First district—Judge Edward King of Wayne; Rufus W. Gillett of Wayne; alternates, F. H. Allen of Wayne, J. W. Flynn of Wayne. Second—Lewis T. Hewsbury, Lenawee; Charles R. Whitman, Washtenaw; alternates, Jas. M. Ball of Stirling. Third—Col. N. Richards, Jackson; Gen. John G. Parkhurst, Branch; alternates, R. Frost, of Jackson. Fourth—Harvey C. Sherwood, Berrien; Wm. H. Howard, Kalamazoo; alternates, Frank W. Lisle, Lester W. Tabor. Fifth—Thomas Sexton, Ionia; Thomas McGary, Ionia; alternates, Joseph Hubbard, Ionia; Knapp. Sixth—E. B. Winans, Livingston; Lyon G. Stout, Shiawassee; alternates, Joseph Burgbee and Wm. M. Stephens. Seventh—Fred W. Hubbard, Bay; Jas. McClellan, Lapeer, alternates, A. M. Clark and Isabella J. S. Chase. Eighth—Thomas Jeffers, Saginaw; Wm. Monroe, Midland; alternates, Jerome Turner and Macon Anderson. Ninth—Wm. P. Cole, Muskegon; Jas. A. Mann, Muskegon; alternates, George Goodall, Muskegon. Tenth—Joseph Turner, Bay; J. Maurice Fitzgerald, Bay; alternates, Judge W. H. Simpson and C. W. Perry, Eleventh—Jas. Fitzgerald, Houghton; R. C. Flanigan, Menominee; alternates, Charles H. Parker and James Gallagher.

The state central committee is as follows, with I. M. Weston as chairman: First—Patrick Daniel J. Campau, Jas. W. Flynn; second, Jas. Gordon; third, Jas. Fitzgerald; Charles Humphrey, Lenawee; third, John Stanton, Barry; Wm. H. Parker, Calhoun; fourth, Chas. H. P. Kimmerly, Berrien; Wm. F. Lockwood, St. Joseph; fifth, Thadeus B. Preston, Ionia; E. P. Allen, Montcalm; sixth, John Fedewa, Clinton, Frank G. Bonnemaker, Livingston; seventh, Geo. M. Crocker, Macomb, Abraham Lincoln, Sanilac; eighth, George H. House, Saginaw; ninth, Jas. Gordon; ninth, R. T. Blacker, Manistee, J. L. Law, Wexford; tenth, Jas. Burns, Bay; Wm. Hoeffler, Gratiot; L. Robinson, Alpena; eleventh, H. C. Davis, Grand Traverse, Geo. W. Payden, Ishpeming.

A grand mass meeting was held in the evening, at which Hon. Don M. Dickinson was present and spoke.

Miss Linda Gilbert has devoted fifteen years and most of her fortune to prison reform. She has established twenty-two libraries in the prisons of different states and found employment for 6,000 ex-convicts.

Blaine is a very sick man, and again, Blaine is not ill, but on the contrary is looking better than he has in some time. The cabinegram said both ways. You pays your money and takes your choice.

As the law in Colorado now stands, it would be possible for a newly arrived immigrant to arrive in that state on May 5, and vote as a citizen at the next election on November 6.

Gladstone and Parnell, for the first time in their lives, met in private the other evening at a dinner given by Mr. Armstrong, an ex-member of parliament.

Mr. Sarah E. V. Emery of Lansing, and Mrs. Marion Todd of Albion, were chosen alternates. District delegates were chosen and the convention adjourned.

The Greenbackers.

The greenback state convention was held in Lansing May 8, about 90 delegates being present. Ex-Gov. Jas. M. Ashley, who ran as a democrat, was made chairman, and C. L. Shattuck of Grand Rapids was chosen as secretary of the convention.

After the transaction of miscellaneous business Gen. Jas. Jones of Grand Rapids, J. I. Mead of Lansing were chosen delegates-at-large to the national convention which convenes at Cincinnati June 15. C. H. Wash of Ionia and Hiram W. D. Fuller of Newaygo were chosen alternates, following are the district delegates and the district alternates:

First—J. Hedfron, J. H. Earkins; alternates, Jas. David Parsons, J. S. Dodge. Second—George H. Peters, John A. Zahler; alternates, A. J. Baker, C. H. Shilling. Third—George S. Wheeler, Joshua Dow; alternates, John Dennis, A. N. Howe. Fourth—H. Kilsney, George D. Lockwood; alternates, L. M. Sheriff, R. E. Case. Fifth—W. D. Frost, L. T. Hanson; alternates, Ira H. Whitmore, James Train. Sixth—Jason E. Nichols and Wesley Emery for congressman, Jas. Dunn, Jas. W. Ingole and C. C. Cole as alternates. The ex-governor declined to serve as an alternate. The ninth district selected John V. Crandell and A. F. Tibbitts as delegates.

The state central committee chose W. D. Fuller of Newaygo, as chairman of the state central committee in place of Monroe W. Field. Mr. Fuller said he would take it temporarily for the purpose, which was near his heart, of reorganizing the Greenback party.

The platform adopted affirms the principles enunciated in the national platforms of 1876 and 1884, and the principles of the platform of 1886, and the declarations of the 1886 state platform regarding temperance and education.

A Prominent Man Gone.

Hon. James Birney died in Bay City the other morning, aged 70 years.

Deceased was one of the Saginaw valley in 1834, and five years later was elected state senator. In 1850 he was chosen lieutenant governor, and subsequently served four years as a circuit judge. In 1875 he was sent as minister to the Netherlands by President Grant, and remained at the Hague until 1881, when he returned to the Saginaw valley and entered upon the active practice of the law. Since that time he has frequently been mentioned for congressman. Mr. Birney was the eldest son of the Hon. James G. Birney, who ran for the first democrat in 1840 and 1844 on the free soil ticket. The cause of Mr. Birney's death was heart desease and kidney trouble.

Michigan News Briefly Told.

Many farmers in the southern part of the state are buying feed for their live stock.

The first district spiritualists will hold their annual 10-days camp meeting at Island Park, Grand Lake, commencing June 2. All the big spirits will be there.

In the case of Dr. Lansing, the Clare county physician who was accused of trying to poison his wife and family, the jury has disagreed. The case will probably have to be tried again, although nine members of the jury wanted to acquit him.

The grand encampment of the Knights of Order of Red Men was held in Grand Rapids on the 9th inst. The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: Great Sachem, W. T. Ashley, Jackson; Senior Sagmore, W. P. Walsh, Grand Rapids; Junior Sagmore, A. L. Heitman, Kalamazoo; Great Chief of Records, J. N. Ward, Detroit; Great Chief of Wampum, Fred G. Adler, Jackson. Finance Committee—A. F. Shafer, Grand Rapids; W. H. Frembolt, Ishpeming; M. Hotchkiss, East Saginaw; Great Chief of Wampum—Jas. K. Shields, Detroit, J. M. Jarceau, Dimondale, H. E. Shaw, Eaton Rapids. The next meeting will be held at Lansing.

Paul Hartung and Miss Mina E. Fock were married at Grand Rapids by a duly authorized preacher. Then they went to Chicago, where they were married a second time by the second duly authorized preacher, this being necessary to sustain their standing in Holland, as they will return to the old country to live.

Monroe declines the gift of Mrs. Dorsh's fine building in that city, for museum purposes. The G. A. R. post of that city has been appointed trustee for the building.

The body of David Collins of Ludington was found floating in Pere Marquette lake the other morning. He was a laboring man 35 years old and had been missing about ten days. He probably fell into the lake while intoxicated.

Henry Pittinger a brakeman on George Hauptman's hauling railway, near West Branch, was killed by falling between two log cars.

James Shea a brakeman on the Hancock & Calumet railway, was instantly killed by falling under a locomotive as it was backing up near the Tamarack mine.

Gov. Luce has issued a bulletin ordering the removal of the quarantine against cattle from Cook county, Ill.

J. Court of Marshall, who has been in England since February, has sailed for home, bringing with him 25 Shetland ponies and a pack of 125 pound English mastiffs.

Paul Hartung was caught in a belt at Hulland's stove works in Marshall the other morning and narrowly escaped death, being frightfully cut about the head and shoulders. Hartung arrived in the city only the day before and commenced his duties at the above works that morning.

E. P. Denham, a crippled soldier of Sheridan, fell off the sidewalk in Sheridan last winter, and now sues the town on a claim of $10,000 for damages resulting.

Jared O. Clark of Flint was killed in that city the other night by being buried under a section of the brick wall of the old Court street Methodist church, while he was helping to tear down. He was 60 years old and leaves a large family.

Thomas Rooney of Dash, Muskegon county, says he is 104 years old.

The state public school at Coldwater, of which Wesley Sears is superintendent, desires to have the following facts concerning the school published: First—The state school is a temporary home for the dependent and neglected children of the state. These children are not criminals and homes are constantly wanted for these valuable families. Most of them are boys from ten to ten years old, a few older. Any person desiring to take these children into their homes and homes, can receive the information by receiving the superintendent.

Owing to high water the dam at Hamlin, near Ludington, went out the other afternoon and swept 17 buildings and 2,000,000 feet of logs, belonging to Pardee, Cook & Co., into lake Michigan. It was also a narrow escape for the half dozen men who, the whole of Hamlin lake is drained, one of the largest lakes in the country. The dam had been rebuilt last fall by Pardee, Cook & Co. at great expense, the lumbermen had all been deserted in expectation of the flood.

The main factory building of the Grand Rapids school furniture company is completed, and the engine and boiler house will be ready for the machinery within ten days.

The company have increased the capital from $80,000 to $100,000.

State W. C. T. U. convention at Coldwater May 22-25.

Decatur will go in on a $1,000 soldiers' monument.

Leading democrats in Washington say that Ogle will be the candidate for governor.

Julius H. Kiel, a prominent lawyer of the Ingall, White Rapids & Northern railway, of Menominee county, was found drowned in the Little Cedar. He had gone out on the road to examine a bridge. Suicide is suspicion of foul play, as his money and watch are missing.

A few weeks ago Hattie Carey, aged 22, came from Stevens' Point, Wis., to visit her sister in East Saginaw. The other day she fell down a flight of stairs, sustaining injuries which produced inflammation and died a few days later. Her parents reside at Clio, and the body was taken there.

Track-laying has been commenced on both ends of the Toledo, Saginaw & Mackinaw railroad.

The association of superintendents of public schools have elected the following officers: President, Leroy Halsey, Battle Creek; vice-president, G. W. Wheeler, Adrian; secretary and treasurer, A. S. Hall, Cadillac. The next annual meeting will be held in Lansing the second Thursday in 1889.

A company has been organized at St. Ignace to work the newly discovered mines near that place.

John Abbott, Jr., on trial at Corunna for killing Harry Craig last June, during a quarrel, has been acquitted. John Abbott, Sr., was charged with shooting Harry Craig with a pitchfork during the same row, but the prosecuting attorney discontinued the case.

Frank Lanfield was killed on the Grand Rapids extension of the Detroit, Lansing & Northern railroad, near Grand Ledge, a few days ago. Lanfield and several other laborers were working with hand-cars at work, and in pumping, Lanfield's handle broke, and he fell off the car backwards, and the other car which was close at hand, ran over him killing him almost instantly.

Samuel D. Clay, the deposed prosecuting attorney of Kent county, will test the question of the Governor's right to remove him.

Hon. Peter White of Marquette has been appointed by the President one of the board of visitors to West Point military academy.

There will be no prize military drill at the state fair this season.

The government crop report for May shows a decline of 12 per cent. in the condition of Michigan wheat. Farmers' wages have advanced in Michigan and other northwestern states.

Theo. O. Hebling brings suit against the Toledo, Ann Arbor & Northern Michigan railroad company for $50,000 damages, on account of the death of his son, who was shot in the Chapin right of way war, in Washtenaw county last fall.

There is talk of erecting a soldiers' monument or Memorial hall at St. Johns.

Sergt. Congor now has weather signals displayed in his house, and is receiving reports from seventy-six volunteer observers.

The Fourth Michigan Infantry will hold their annual reunion in Lansing June 26. The regiment was mustered into service at Adrian under Col. Dwight A. Woodbury.

Barstow & Casler of Port Huron, have been awarded the contract for doing the carpenter work on the Sulphite Tibia company's buildings at Port Huron for $11,000.

A new Lake Shore depot is to be built at Hudson this season.

The governor has commuted to 10 years the sentence of John Rittersoff, sent for life to Jackson from Saginaw county, in 1882, for a murder which was the result of a bar room fight.

Salmon lovers in the Traverse Bay region propose to stock up the bays and go from port to port selling budge.

Company A, Fifth Michigan cavalry, holds a reunion at Almont June 13.

An incurable disease has broken off the horses down in the Kinderhook region.

Over 50 former residents of Quincy are visiting friends in Los Angeles, Cal.

Charles H. Townsend, a Michigan clerk in the war department at Washington, has resigned.

Ann Arbor, Eaton Rapids and Kansas business men have joined with parties in Mexico, and will "make money" out of a Mexican mining venture.

The will of Mrs. Jerusha of Victor, Clinton county, was nearly killed by a horse in a stall a few days ago. He will recover, however. Mr. Brunson was a member of the state Legislature in 1861.

The house has passed the senate bill prolonging Elisha Griswold of the Third Michigan cavalry, and the bills to pension Elias Shafer of the Third Michigan infantry; Louis Keck, son of David Keck, of the Sixth Michigan (heavy artillery); Matthew H. Reynolds of the First Michigan cavalry, and Ellen M. Thiers of Battle Creek.

State weather service bulletin for week of May 12 says: Temperature and rainfall have been very favorable for growing crops. There was an excess of rainfall with cloudy on four days and was well distributed throughout the state and has revived the pastures and winter wheat. Spring corn planting is now progressing. Oats are generally doing very well. Fruit trees are in bloom and give prospects of a good crop.

Pieces of the house that were recently swept into Lake Michigan by the breaking of a dam at Hamlin, Mason county, have floated ashore near Point Betsey.

The Ludington Lumber company lost about $40,000 in the recent flood.

A professors' apartment house is being built at the agricultural college.

The superintendents of public schools who met at Lansing the other day declared themselves in favor of free text books.

The large boiler in the wooden ware works at Carp exploded the other morning, the building was completely destroyed. Henry M. Howland was instantly killed, and several others about the place were seriously injured.

DETROIT MARKETS.

WHEAT, White	.8	96 @ 96
" Red	.5	@ 96
CORN, per bu	.3	@ 35
OATS, "	.6	@ 32
BARLEY, "	.1 58	@ 1 60
RYE, "	.80	@ 82
TIMOTHY SEED	.2 50	@ 2 55
CLOVER SEED, per lb	.8 35	@ 8 40
FEED, per cwt	.18 00	@20 00
FLOUR—Michigan patents	.4 75	@ 5 00
Michigan roller	.4 25	@ 4 50
Minnesota patent	.4 75	@ 5 00
Minnesota bakers'	.4 00	@ 4 25
Rye per bu	.65	@ 66
APPLES, per bbl	.2 00	@ 2 50
BEANS, picked	.2 40	@ 2 45
" unpicked	.1 75	@ 2 00
BEESWAX	.25	@ 30
BUTTER	.19	@ 20
CHEESE, per lb	.10	@ 11
DRIED APPLES, per lb	.6	@6¼
DRIED PEACHES	.8	@ 10
EGGS, per doz	.12	@ 12½
HONEY, per lb	.14	@ 15
Hops per lb	.6	@ 7
HAY, per ton, clover	.10 00	@11 00
" " timothy	.13 00	@14 00
MAPLE SUGAR, per lb	.10	@ 11
ONIONS, per bbl	.3 00	@ 3 50
POTATOES, per bu	.50	@ 55
POULTRY—Chickens, per lb	.10	@ 12
" turkeys	.11	@ 12
" geese	.10	@ 12
" ducks per lb	.13	@ 14
PROVISIONS—Pork, per lb	.11 50	@ 12 00
" family	.15	@ 16
Extra mess beef	.6 75	@ 7 00
Mess "	.6	@ 6 50
Dressed hogs	.6 00	@ 6 25
Hams	.11	@ 11
Shoulders	.8	@ 8½
Bacon	.10	@10½
Lard, per lb	.8	@8½
HIDES—Green City per lb	.3	@ 3½
Country	.5½	@ 6
Green Calf	.8	@ 9
Cured	.6½	
Salted		
Sheep skins, wool	.50	@ 1 00

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—Market strong; heavy $4@5; stockers and feeders, $2 @2 75; fair-mixed, $1 75@3 50; Texas cattle, $3 @4.

HOGS—Market 5c lower; mixed, $5 30@5 50; heavy, $5 30@5 70; light, $5 30@5 60; skips, $3 50@5 10.

SHEEP—Market weak; common, 25c lower; $3 25@4 25; western sheep, $3 @3; inferior to fair, $3 50@5.

Several Killed.

The "Thunderbolt" express arrived at Fountain, Col., at 2.41 the other morning. The baggage car, two passenger cars, which were standing on a side track, and loose in some unexplained way and the cars ran into the train with a terrific crash. Naphtha, which was carried in the cars, exploded, throwing the oil over everything and setting the train on fire. Those cars which did not catch were shoved back from the wreck by the crew; but two cars that had been left standing on the main track, and which had a quantity of powder on board, exploded with a tremendous report. The depot, side cars and a few dwelling houses were completely demolished. Six persons were killed and over 30 injured

CHIPMAN'S CHANGES.

He Flies Several Objections to the Mills Bill.

General Washington News.

Mr. Chipman of Detroit has filed a paper in the ways and means committee requesting means, if it means anything, that he will not report the Mills bill unless it is radically changed from its present form. He Chipman's paper, which has stirred up quite a little excitement among the democrats of the ways and means committee, is as follows:

Mr. Chipman submits to the committee the following amendments: He begs to preface them by the statement that he will either by great reductions or absolute repeal of duties, relieve every single article of the state of Michigan, viz: copper, wool, iron, lumber and salt. It is the policy of this action he has only to say that he is willing to vote for changes if corresponding reductions are obtained. He recognizes a benefit to the entire country as a proper reason for a reduction, but he frankly say that he does not believe that any section, industry or state should be protected at the single cheated of reform. There should be comity in the matter. In this spirit he would have the ominous coal and sugar be placed on the free list. He does so in addition to the attitude in which the states of Michigan are, that all the industries of his district are very largely affected. He therefore moves to strike from the free list, glue, line 49, section 1; flint, glass or lenses, line 50, section 1; bone black, etc, line 96, section 1; brick, line 132, section 1; meats, game and poultry, line 145, section 1; milk, line 148, section 1; pulp, line 149, section 1. He also moves to strike out as follows: "Pressed or linseed oil, 10 cents per gallon, line 12, section 2; common window glass, line 135, section 2." He also moves to strike out the words "gilling twine" in line 431, section 3, and to put said clause on the free list. He also moves to strike out all line 6, section 4, viz: "Woolen rags, shoddy, mungo, waste and flocks." He also moves to strike out section 4, between the nineteenth and twenty-fourth, viz: "Lithographic prints, on stone or zinc, bound or unbound (except illustrations in printed books), and all articles produced in whole or in part by lithographic process, 35 per cent ad valorem." He also moves that there be a rebate of the tax on alcohol used in the arts and for medicinal purposes and that all tax on drugists as dealers shall be repealed. He also moves that the tax levied on the manufacture of fine cut chewing tobacco and on smoking tobacco be not repealed, but reduced one half.

Mr. Chipman begs to add that the articles and industries enumerated above are only a part of the articles and industries of his district affected by the bill.

He asks that the free list at least must be increased in the directions he intimates and that he make the bill at all palatable to his and other constituencies.

At the conclusion of business in the senate the other morning Senator Vorhees of Indiana rose and said: Mr. President, if I do not interfere with the business of the senate I desire to make a statement which I conceive to be due to the senate, and which is personal to myself. It is well known that I have been very strongly indisposed and confined to my room almost continuously since the last week. I visited the senate yesterday. For the purpose of doing the business which I shall make now. The opportunity, however, has not presented itself until, suffering so much, I withdrew from the capitol and went home. Referring to the discussion which took place last week, I desire to say to the senate that, however severe the provocation, I regret that I had made use of language at that time contrary to parliamentary rules and usages and to the decorum of the senate. I regret that I used such language and tender a proper apology to the senate of the United States for doing so. My high respect for the dignity of this body, of which I have been on for many years now a member, as well as my own respect, induces me to make this statement.

It is understood that Gen. James W. Ewing, disbursing clerk of the department of justice, has been found short in his accounts to the extent of $9,000 or $9,000. Over $5,000 of the money said to be unaccounted for belongs to the accounts for 1882, 1883 and 1884. Gen. Ewing was bonded in the sum of $10,000, and Representative Goff of West Virginia is one of his sureties. Gen. Ewing was a prominent and good record soldier and a leading lawyer in Washington. He was appointed from Virginia and has held this present office for many years. Gen. Ewing says that as soon as the examination that is now being made is completed, it will be found that the government will lose nothing.

The long debate in the senate over the land grant forfeiture bill ended in the passage of the measure. The bill, as passed, forfeits the land grants of titles and sends the canal men to the courts.

President Cleveland has signed the bill opening the Montana Indian reservation, containing about 1,000,000 acres of the finest settlement. Four million acres are in the famous Milk River Valley.

The house has passed the bill appropriating $150,000 to the Marietta, Ohio, exposition.

The senate committee on inter state commerce have favorably reported the amendment to the inter state commerce bill which provides that the commission, or any one interested, may apply in a summary way to circuit courts sitting as courts of law, to enforce any lawful order of the commission. The amendment makes no provision for the speedy trial of such causes, but provides that the court may, in the hearing of facts by the commission shall be conclusive. It also provides that the court shall, by its order, fix the time for the trial not less than 20 nor more than 40 days after the date of the order.

Frank Brannigan of Steubenville, O., has been appointed disbursing clerk in the department of justice, vice Gen. Ewing, resigned.

President Cleveland has signed the bill opening the Montana Indian reservation for settlement. There are about 17,000,000 acres in the tract.

The President has vetoed the bill appropriating $100,000 for a public building at Allentown, Pa., holding that there is no present necessity for such expenditure.

Postmaster-General Dickinson has issued an order fixing the minimum compensation of the transportation of mails on railroads at $42.75 per mile. Gen. Vilas had fixed the pay at $24.

The house committee on judiciary has agreed to report favorably the Rogers bill, extending the criminal jurisdiction of the district and district courts to the great lakes, or any bay, sound, or any other navigable waters connecting or connected with the lakes, on board of any vessel belonging in part or in whole to the United States or any citizen thereof, with like force and effect as if the same were situated on the land. The bill seas, and the trial of all such crimes and offenses may be committed within any county shall be in the district where the offender is found or into which he is first brought.

The Washington association of the University of Michigan sat down to their annual dinner in the tea room of Willard's hotel the other night. There were present, among others, Senator Palmer, Senator Davis, and Representatives Cutcheon, W. J. Hays, E. P. Allen, Holman, Peters, Dunn, Tarsney, and Mr. R. H. Thayer, late law master-General Dickinson and several representatives, who are alumni, were unable to be present. Toasts and speeches followed the dinner, and the old officers were unanimously elected as follows: President, Senator Palmer; vice presidents, Hon. B. M. Cutcheon, Hon. Thos. W. Fishman, K. Davis, J. H. Cook and R. H. Thayer; treasurer, A. A. Birney; secretary, Duane E. Fox.

The supreme court of the United States has rendered a decision in the Coy-Hernshaw hamer shell sheet forgery case from Indianapolis. The decisions of the courts below were affirmed. Both Coy and Hernshaw are now in Indianapolis jail awaiting this decision. They were sentenced about three months ago to 18 months in the penitentiary. Hamer was taken to the Michigan City, Ind., penitentiary at once, but Coy was sick and could not be removed. Since his recovery other cases against the alleged conspirators have been begun, and Hernshaw has been taken from the penitentiary as a witness. Both men must now go to the penitentiary.

The United States supreme court has refused the motion of the Drawbaugh people to reopen the telephone case and grant them a new hearing.

An evidence of the effect of the United States anti-trust law upon the business of the Canadian Pacific railroad is furnished by Robert J. Stevens, United States consul at Victoria, B. C., in a recent report to the state department. Mr. Stevens says that during the quarter ending with December, 1887, the total value of one United States bond eastward in bond from the United States port to another, which passed through Canada, was $630,426. During the same quarter, February, 1888, 20,000 of four from California and Oregon left Victoria for China and Japan. The steamer Parthia arrived at Victoria, April 9 from Yokahama with 2,000 tons of tea, which was transferred over the Canadian Pacific for United States ports.

The bonds purchased by the government up to May 14 under the recent act amount to $6,776,700, at a cost of $6,484,704. The saving in interest is $6,949,879.

The house committee on invalid pensions has reported a bill proposing to remove the restrictions now in statute with regard to of pension in the case of claims filed before the passage of the act. The bill is a substitute for a number of bills on the same subject. It authorizes the secretary of the interior to pay pensions to date on account of disabilities or injuries incurred in the service of the United states after July 1, 1880, and up to the date of the passage of the bill. Also directing the secretary to rejudication of claims for pensions as have been allowed or filed, as if they had been filed prior to July 1, 1880.

GENERAL NEWS.

A boiler explosion in a Manchester, N. H., factory wrecked the building and killed three persons.

Miners to the number of 1,000 are on a strike at Birmingham, Ala.

New Hampshire republicans cheered Blaine and sent an uninstructed delegation to Chicago.

Chicago anarchists are divided in opinion about petition for pardon of the imprisoned men.

After June 1 there will be about 1,200 saloons in Philadelphia. Now there are about 6,000.

Tex. Cause, high license.

Twenty-two persons were killed by the fall of an elevator in a brewery in St. Paul the other day.

Chicago Greek Catholics will build a church. There are one hundred of them in the United States, one in San Francisco, the other in New Orleans.

Methodist general conference in New York would pass a resolution calling for a general election in 1890 to settle the right of women to hold seats in the conference.

Dead rats have been done in towns along the Mississippi by the overflow of that river.

The net earnings of the C., B. & Q. road during the strike have fallen off $2,635,722.

Gov. Hill vetoed the liquor license bill passed by the New York legislature.

Hon. John R. Gordon, chairman of the democratic state central committee of Georgia, is dead.

San Diego, Cal., is to have an orphans' home and school with $2,000,000 endowment, the money having been subscribed.

Prof. Hazlehurst, who lives in Virginia with Prof. Hogan's balloon and parachute, dropped, at Petersburg 2,000 feet and struck in a tree, and is said to be fatally injured.

That the strike will be a long one and serious is evidenced by the fact that the gross earnings of the last quarter were $2,635,722 less than for the corresponding period last year.

"Billy" Powell, serving a term in the Georgia penitentiary, has been indicted by the grand jury at Ravenna, O., as implicated in the murder of Mrs. Mary Grafton, for which crime "Blinky" Morgan will hang June 1.

The increase of natural gas at Buffalo, caused several explosions yesterday morning. By one explosion St. Paul's church, one of the finest church edifices in the country, New York, was completely destroyed, nothing but the outer walls remaining the magnificent structure being left. The church was completed in 1876 at a cost of $200,000.

Cashier Royce of the Willimantic, Ct., savings institution, has been arrested charged in 25 indictments, with stealing bonds, mortgages and also with embezzlement, making false entries and robbing the institution in innumerable ways.

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Ten passengers were badly injured in a collision near Newark, N. J.

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Dr. E. Stone Wiggins predicts an earthquake in California between now and October, saying it will move across the Pacific from Asia.

The Pratt county national bank at Pratt, Kansas, was robbed of $4,016 the other day.

Cinders have been thrown across Northern Indiana on the 11th inst., doing great damage.

Forty buildings in Hot Springs, Ark., were burned the other day.

Many towns along the Mississippi have been submerged for several days. At Quincy the river was 10 miles wide.

An express train was attacked by robbers near Nogales, Arizona, the other morning. The conductor and fireman were instantly killed. The robbers secured less than $200 and escaped.

The steel works and rolling mill connected with Disston's extensive saw works near Philadelphia burned the other morning, causing a loss of $300,000; insurance $100,000. There were 260 employes, and all of 1,600 in other establishments will be more or less affected.

Burning oil at Oil City, Pa., caused a loss of $20,000.

Dr. Nanthan Appleton, who has spent some time in the United State of Colombia, who is thoroughly familiar with the operations of the Panama canal, says the work is well under way except 10 miles of the Pacific end, which can be done in a year and a half. Six of the locks are now under way, and there will be no trouble in all. These will cost $30,000,000. On the whole, the doctor regards the outlook for the canal as encouraging.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Sir James Ferguson, under foreign secretary, denies that England had any offer of communication with the pope on the denunciation of boycotting and the plan of campaign. It is reported from Rome that Mgr. Persico has been ordered to procure from the Irish bishops their views on the rescript, these to be laid before the propaganda.

The Berlin correspondent says that the Emperor Frederick is improving, and that the wound made by tracheotomy is healing. Private advices say, however, that he is growing weaker and will soon die. He is expected to go into a state of coma and die in it.

John Dillon the Irish agitator, has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment for inciting Irish tenants not to pay rent, Dillon appeals.

A steamer was sunk in the Seine the other day and 9 passengers were drowned.

It is reported that in a recent review of cavalry at Petersburg a lieutenant named Timafeief made an attack upon the Czar with a revolver. The shot was missed, however, and the weapon was discharged on the ground. Timafeief was immediately thrown into prison and subsequent examination proved him to be insane.

A Watery Waste.

Hundreds of thousands of acres of land along the Mississippi are inundated, from six to ten feet of water, and the river is from seven to ten miles wide in many places. The damage can hardly be estimated, but will reach into the hundred thousands.

A Canadian lady is suing a man for $2,000 of kissing her. She bases her evidently real loss now that he has been guilty of a tender buss.

A beautiful hairpin recently removed was topped with a matteo cross of matched and graded diamonds mounted on a coiled spring.

A section of a tree trunk in gold, the bark of circles in the form of a spiral, closely imitated, makes a quaint pendant for a queen bee.

A frog of green enamel firmly fastened to a slender bar of dull gold is among the novelties in bathing bracelets recently seen.

The commission house of W. T. Coleman & Co. of San Francisco, one of the largest in the United States, has failed for $1,500,000.

Women would make good soldiers. But if the enemy should go into battle with razors shaved, how would the women fight?

THE HOMELESS.

BY H. SUTTON FRIEDLER.

Wretched and lone ones with naked feet,
Those who have dwelt in the cellar meet,
Starving and cold in the wind-swept street!

Under the drive of the blinding sleet;
Oh, the hard hearts that never pitied
Wretched and lone ones with naked feet!
Passing bright homes that glow with the heat,
While they perish of cold by degrees—
Starving and cold in the wind-swept street!

Give to them shelter, comfort and meat;
While lone hearts, beneath are sighing,
Wretched and lone ones with naked feet,
Starving and cold in the wind-swept street!!

Hark to the words of the christ-king sweet,
"My is comfort when take ye in these
Wretched and lone ones with naked feet,
Starving and cold in the wind-swept street!!

TRIFLES.

BY EVE BEST.

Just some little words of love
Spoken tenderly and low—
Just a look or just a tone to tell
Which way the sweet winds blow,
Just a pressure of the daisy fingers,
While the yellow moonbeams linger
While the happy seconds go!

Just the simple marriage vows
Which from sweet lips, in faltering flow;
Just a golden circlet placed
Upon a blushing brow;
Just the breath of orange flowers
Burdening the perfumed air
While the joyous moments go!

Just a heart-beat hushed and still—
Tide—has reached its zenith and ceased flow;
Just two waxen eyelids pressed
Upon the sightless eyes;
Just two pale hands folded in dead, lying,
Just one kiss and all is done—
Life is fled, and joy and woe;
Just a little mossy grave
Where the sunbeams play
Just each moment's smiles and tears
Till the passing years,
While the endless ages go!

HISTORY OF SPOOKS.

The Meanness of the Inhabitants of the Spirit World.

Henry Guy Carleton in New York World.

I am now convinced that we spiritualists are having an exceedingly hard row to hoe. The spirits, with their devilish ingenuity and great malice, have succeeded in crowding us from the celestial hosts by limiting our principal means of communication in the cooler. We were having a blessed and rejoiceful time all to themselves in the cooler, when the blow fell. We had corralled the Old Masters, and our Chromo Trust, in full running order, was supplied of the choicest of the works of psychic art as fast as our hired assistants could paint them. To be sure, we had some little jealousies and heartburnings, our assistants would be lazy or get drunk, which would unsettle the phenomena to an unnecessary degree, and we had a special Old Master expert got to be careless and painted a Rembrandt in Raphael style or a Raphael in Rembrandt's style's kinks, and mixed up Rubens with Murillo in a way that was sinful. The profits also were irregular, and sometimes were the magnificent structure being left. The church was completed in 1876 at a cost of $200,000.

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