

AFFAIRS AT THE CAPITAL

REPORT OF BEARDON PROCESS OF MAKING BUTTER.

THE SAMPLES CONSIDERED POOR IN QUALITY.

THE \$25,000 PENSION CLAIM WILL NOT BE PAID.

IT HAS BEEN PENDING FOR TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS.

Decline in the Indian Jute Crop—3,000 Bicycles Used by Workmen at Gibraltar—Cost of Liverpool Dry Docks—Sunday to Be Observed in Belgium.

Washington, Nov. 23.—Dr. D. E. Salmon, chief of the bureau of animal industry of the agricultural department, has made a report to the secretary of agriculture on what is known as the Beardon process of making butter. The report describes the process, which consists of churning a certain quantity of butter with cream, and also the experiments conducted by the department. The resulting compounds were sent to New York, where an expert was requested to score them. He reported as follows:

In relation to the three boxes of butter marked X, Y, Z, will say, upon examination of same, my opinion is that it is what is known as our market as 'peccan butter', and on that class of butter I can neither place a grade or score, as I have no rule to govern grade on manufactured butter under this process. It cannot be classified as creamery, imitation creamery, factory or dairy butter, and we have no grading on any other kind of butter except these kinds. I find these samples poor in flavor, the grain is badly broken, showing that it has been much overworked, and is very heavy—considered unfit for table use. Only use that could be made of it will be to a cheap class of bakers' trade.

Dr. Salmon then says: "By following the directions given in the patent and using the quality of cream which one would naturally take for this purpose, a product will be obtained which resembles butter in some respects. It does contain, as claimed, a little more of the phosphoric and other elements that supply the tissue wants of the human body than is found in good butter, but dairy-men endeavor to wash and work these elements out of the butter because they furnish food for bacteria, which cause the butter to spoil. As a human food, the production cannot be said to be better than butter, for the reason that it contains less fat and more water. The slight increase in nitrogenous constituents amounts to little from this standpoint, as the same can be obtained in much cheaper and better form in milk. Considering the large proportion of water which the product manufactured by this new process contains, it does not seem proper to call it butter, and it is a question whether it would be allowed to be sold as butter. As butter has frequently been made to sell butter of precisely the same combination as this, but they have met with failure.

AN OLD PENSION CLAIM.

Washington, Nov. 23.—A pension claim which has been pending twenty-seven years and which, if admitted, would carry back pay of \$25,000, was decided today by Assistant Secretary of the Interior Davis. It is the case of Goulet, Bitterstick, of Missouri, whose claim for alleged total blindness due to disease of the eyes contracted during the military service in 1864, is rejected. The case has attracted much interest and presented many perplexing features, but it was found that no record of the existence of any disease of the eye in the service existed nor was there competent testimony to show the incurability of any such disability in the service. The claimant was discharged from the army in 1865 and did not lose his sight till 1867. No effort to establish his claim, presented in 1870, was made till 1894, twenty-five years after his discharge, when most of those who could have testified from personal knowledge were dead. The decision holds that the claimant's own statements were inconsistent and fully contradictory of his most important witnesses, aside from which the physicians and oculists decline to accept the cause of his present blindness as due to any service origin.

INDIAN JUTE CROP.

Washington, Nov. 23.—Consul General Patterson, at Calcutta, in a report to the state department, says it is estimated that the jute crop of India, this year will be 6,800,000 bales of 400 pounds each, of which about 3,600,000 bales will be available for export. He says manufacturers may look for low prices of raw material.

BICYCLES AT GIBRALTAR.

Washington, Nov. 23.—In a recent report to the state department concerning the use of bicycles at Gibraltar, Consul Sprague incidentally refers to work in progress at that place that is not generally known. He says 3,000 workmen daily employ the fortress and labor on the extensive improvements now going on in the building of dry docks and other government works.

LIVERPOOL DOCKS.

Washington, Nov. 23.—Consul Boyle, at Liverpool, has sent to the state department a report on the subject of the extension of docks at Liverpool. The system under way will cost over \$21,500,000. The consul also says it has been decided to spend \$7,500,000 for dock and harbor improvements at Bristol.

Washington, Nov. 23.—Consul Morris, at Ghent, Belgium, reports to the state department that a movement is on foot in that city to have all business houses voluntarily close at noon on Sunday, in

stead of remaining open all day, as now. There is a possibility of success of the movement. A reason given for Sunday opening is that laborers have no opportunity of trading on other days and must make use of Sunday for that purpose.

MONEY FOR TENNESSEE.

Washington, Nov. 23.—The following Tennesseans have been granted pensions: Original—Special, Nov. 9, John W. Kelly, Light; special, Nov. 10, James K. Sadder, Nashville. Renewed—James P. Stennett, Lenoir City.

Increase—Thomas Black, Coal Creek; James A. Smith, Dalsey; Charles H. Flournoy, Knoxville; David W. White, Butler.

Reissue—Henry Spragon, Pulaski. Original Widow, Etc.—Charlotte Smith, Hardin Valley; Lucinda Brown, Flynn's Lick; William Williams, Brunswick; Matthew M. Finney, Lawrenceburg; Augustus Raynor, Oakland; Benjamin F. Seaton, Camp Creek.

Restoration and Increase—Levi B. Bibb, Greeneville. Increase—Daniel R. Felps, Lenoir; John H. Proffitt, Moreland. Original Widow—Christiana Hall, Nettie Carter.

DAWES COMMISSION

Is Opposed by an Indian Convention Being Held at Antlers, I. T.

Antlers, I. T., Nov. 23.—About 300 Indians from the five tribes are holding a convention here in opposition to the Dawes commission agreement. Delegates from the five tribes will be appointed to meet in an international convention at Eufaula in about two weeks, when a memorial will be prepared for congress, setting forth their views in opposition to the Dawes commission's plans and their wishes as to future legislation for the five tribes in an international agreement. A committee will be appointed to go to Mexico immediately to investigate the plan of colonizing the Indians there and report to the convention at Eufaula.

CRIMINAL ASSAULT

ON A WIDOW LADY AT STEVENSON, ALA.

Mrs. John Cargile, While Gathering Wood, is Criminally Assaulted by a White Brute.

Stevenson, Ala., Nov. 23.—A most heinous crime was committed on the outskirts of this city yesterday morning, the facts of which are as follows: Mrs. John Cargile, a widow about 40 years of age, resides in a small cottage on the mountain side just outside the town limits of Stevenson with her young daughter.

At 10 o'clock yesterday morning Mrs. Cargile left her house and went up on the mountain side after some stove wood. As she failed to return at the appointed time, her daughter became alarmed and started out to find what had become of her mother.

Great indeed was her surprise and dismay to find her mother lying at full length near a clump of bushes in an unconscious state, her clothing torn and her face bleeding from several bad cuts. She picked her mother up as well as she could and dragged her to their house, securely fastening the doors.

She administered restoratives, and when Mrs. Cargile revived she told what had happened, as follows: She stated that while gathering up pieces of stove wood she had been set upon by a white man of short stature, weighing perhaps 175 pounds, smooth shaven, although otherwise unkempt, and of blonde complexion, who knocked her down and after struggling in which Mrs. Cargile was choked into insensibility, he succeeded in criminally assaulting her.

The neighbors were alarmed, Mrs. Cargile repeating to them the foregoing account of the outrage. Soon the whole town was in a furore, and parties of men, well armed and accoutered, began scouring the surrounding hills and mountains in search of the fiend in human shape.

At 7 o'clock last evening the hunt was still in progress, and the villain, if caught, is certain to be lynched, as the people of Stevenson are thoroughly worked up over the outrage and determined to mete out speedy justice to the offender.

AN EDITOR MARRIED.

Philadelphia, Nov. 23.—Mr. William E. Frenaye, city editor of the Colorado Springs (Col.) Gazette, was married in this city today to Miss Frances Louise Landell, of Philadelphia. The ceremony was performed at St. Matthew's Episcopal church in the presence of a large number of friends of the young couple. Mr. and Mrs. Frenaye departed at once for Colorado.

GEN. LOCKHART.

Simla, Nov. 23.—Gen. Sir Wm. Lockhart, with the Fifth brigade of the British punitive expedition operating against the insurgent tribesmen, has reached Datal, after having traversed three miles of dangerous defiles. Luckily, few of the enemy were encountered. The British loss amounted to only ten men.

GALVESTON AS A TERMINAL.

The Ground Being Looked Over by Railroad Representatives.

Galveston, Tex., Nov. 23.—P. C. Berry, general freight agent; C. A. Berry, assistant freight agent, at St. Joseph; T. N. Hooper, division freight agent at Des Moines, and J. Waddy Tate, general freight agent at Dallas, of the Chicago & Great Western, are here looking over the advantages of Galveston as a terminal. The "Maple Leaf" has for some time been sending a large amount of freight to Galveston, and the purpose of the officials is to post themselves as to the facilities here for handling and giving it quick dispatch. Vice President and General Manager Truesdale, of the Chicago, Rock Island & Texas, is expected to arrive today. The purpose of his visit is not known, but the general impression is that it has something to do as to a closer alliance between Galveston and Rock Island.

WEYLER IN BARCELONA

ARRIVED ON STEAMER MONTERRAT FROM HAVANA.

ARRIVAL ACCLAIMED BY 20,000 PEOPLE.

DRIVEN TO THE HOUSE OF DEPUTY SALADRIGAS.

WHERE HE WAS FORCED TO APPEAR ON THE BALCONY.

Official Reports of the Landing at Barcelona Are Different From Independent Reports and Say That He Was Received With Indifference.

Barcelona, Nov. 23.—Gen. Weyler, the former captain-general of Cuba, arrived here this morning on board the steamer Montserrat from Havana. The general landed beneath the Columbus monument at 10 a. m., and was acclaimed by about 20,000 people. In order to escape the manifestation, the general was driven to the house of Deputy Saladrigas, where, however, he was forced to appear upon the balcony and was applauded by the crowds of people who had gathered about the house.

REPORTS DIFFER.

Madrid, Nov. 23.—The official report of the landing of Gen. Weyler at Barcelona differs from the independent reports. The former says the general landed without the demonstration in his honor assuming the proportions anticipated and that as he traversed the streets the public appeared indifferent. Continuing, the official version of the affair adds that six gala carriages awaited the general, but that the crowd was small; little enthusiasm was manifested; that there were no delegations of students or politicians, and that no windows were decorated.

PRINCE OF IDAU.

An Assault Made on His Palace and He Flees to the Bushes.

Brass, Guinea Coast, Nov. 23.—The column of troops commanded by Maj. Arnold, consisting of 180 men, belonging to the Niger constabulary, with field guns and maxims, which was sent to subdue the slave trading prince of Idau, who was entrenched in a place four days' march from the river, and who for months previous to the departure of the troops had been raiding the neighboring tribes, landed at Etoke on November 14 and marched direct to the prince's stronghold. The latter was defended by 400 guns and 100 rifles. There was a hot engagement in front of the town. The Possess, of the British force, charged up to the eight-foot wall surrounding the place and completely routed the defenders. The prince fled to the bushes. The town was burned and evacuated on November 18. The enemy lost heavily. The British force had two men killed and twelve men wounded.

THE CIVIC FEDERATION.

Chicago, Nov. 23.—Through the efforts of the Civic Federation of Chicago a national conference on primary election legislation will be held early in January. Last night Ralph M. Basley, secretary of the federation, left for New York, where he will meet with representatives of primary election reformers from eastern cities and the call for the convention will be formulated. It is the intention to secure a concert of action on a uniform law in the various states this winter, when the legislatures of New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Ohio and Massachusetts will meet.

J. C. McMillan, chairman of the political action committee of the federation, left for Springfield last night to request Gov. Tanner to embrace in his call for a special session of the legislature the subjects of primary election and revenue reform.

INDIANA MAYOR

SENT A LETTER TO A YOUNG WIDOW.

And There is Fear Now That It Will Cause Some Trouble With Uncle Sam.

Noblesville, Ind., Nov. 23.—The announcement that the United States grand jury at Indianapolis has heard testimony against Mayor Edgar C. Wilson, of this city, charging him with misusing the mails, created a sensation here. Mr. Wilson when first notified of the alleged action of the grand jury, made the following statement:

"There is absolutely no truth in the report that I have misused the mails. Mrs. Martha Gibbs, of Dowagiac, Mich., to whom it is alleged I wrote incriminating letters, is an acquaintance of mine. About three years ago I borrowed \$2,500 from her and secured the loan by a mortgage on real estate in this city. It is true that our correspondence was quite extensive, but my letters to her have been nothing more than any lady could expect from a gentleman. The loan I spoke of became due about two years ago, and Mrs. Gibbs came to this city to collect it. When I told her I could not pay it then she threatened to expose me by having some of my letters published. This threat aroused my anger, and I sent her a note saying that I would retaliate by publishing her letters.

"If this note had gone through the

mails it would have probably been a violation of the postal laws, but I sent it to her by a boy. If my memory serves me right this is the only letter I ever wrote her to which she could take exceptions. The remainder of my letters to her were nothing more than what might be expected to pass between lovers."

When Mrs. Gibbs arrived here two years ago to foreclose the mortgage she found that the real estate on which Mayor Wilson had given the lien was already encumbered for equally as much as it was worth. She made several efforts in other ways to collect the money, but failed. She said that she loaned him the money to pay off a temporary indebtedness, and acting upon his suggestion, and as she supposed they were to be married soon, she did not have the mortgage recorded. Through some misunderstanding the mortgage did not come off. The letters now under consideration by the jury first became public at Lebanon during the trial of the celebrated Farley will case, when the plaintiffs attempted to break down the evidence of Mayor Wilson, who testified that he was present when the will was signed. The federal authorities secured the letters and commenced an investigation.

CABINET MEETING.

Washington, Nov. 23.—The cabinet held a very short meeting today, as the president and several of its members attended the wedding of Mr. Harlan, son of Justice Harlan, and Miss Noble. The time of the meeting was taken up with some misunderstanding of the marriage. President McKinley informed the cabinet that his message was practically completed, but he did not read any portion of it to them. It is probably that the message will be considered at the next meeting.

A "RINGER"

HAS BEEN DECLARED THE STALLION ROYAL STANDARD.

His Owners Ordered to Return the Trophies of the Victories as Awarded by Judges.

Chicago, Nov. 23.—Royal Standard, the grand champion coach stallion of the Chicago horse show, has been declared a "ringer," and his owners, Graham Bros., of Claremont, Ont., have been ordered to return the trophies of the victories as awarded by the judges. It has been found that the stallion, an imported half breed, not registered in America and never can be, because of the rulings of the American Hackney stud book.

The state board is at present withholding money won by Graham Bros.' draft stallion, Young McQueen, and the Hackney Courier until these trophies shall have been returned.

Secretary Garrard in speaking of the matter, said: "Royal Standard was a 'ringer' and we have, from the evidence before us, no course open but to believe that the possibility of his exhibition was only secured through the connivance of an official."

The state board telegraphed to Dr. William Seward Webb, secretary of the American Hackney stud book, asking if the horse was registered, or was eligible for registry, but the reply came that he was not even eligible to "entry." The stallions that will succeed Royal Standard in the championship classes are Mark W. Dunham's Indre, in the class for stallions between 15.2 and 16 hands, and Perfection, from the same stable, who now takes his place as grand champion stallion of the show.

LUETGERT TRIAL

JUDGE GARY WILL PROBABLY OCCUPY THE BENCH.

The Defendant Makes Affidavit That Judges Horton and Baker Are Prejudiced.

Chicago, Nov. 23.—Judge Gary, who presided at the trial of the Haymarket anarchists, will occupy the bench at the second trial of Adolph L. Luetgert, the alleged wife murderer, provided the venerable jurist does not consider the strain of a long contest too severe for his advanced years. States Attorney Demeen and Attorney Phalen will consult with Judge Gary today and the judge will announce his decision then. It is expected his answer will be favorable.

GOD-SON OF WM. J. BRYAN DEAD.

Chicago, Nov. 23.—Boyd Bryan Sternsdorff, son of George J. Sternsdorff, smoke inspector of the health department, and god-son of ex-Gov. Boyd and William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska, died today of diphtheria. The deceased was born in Omaha March 19, 1891, on Bryan's birthday, and was named after Nebraska's two favorite sons, by an act of the state legislature, of which his father was then a member.

STEAMER TELEGRAPH SUNK.

Cincinnati, Nov. 23.—Last evening the steamer Telegraph, one of the largest and best boats plying the Ohio river, sank at Fern Grove, a short distance from Louisville. The members of the crew and the passengers had a narrow escape from drowning, and a number of sensational scenes were enacted. The cause of the accident could not be definitely learned. The Telegraph was on her way from Louisville to this city with a small passenger list and a light cargo of freight. The Telegraph will be so badly wrecked that it will be a total loss. She was worth \$10,000.

DEAD IN A MORGUE

LIES THE BODY OF JAMES CHARNLEY AT MILWAUKEE.

CAUSED BY GRIEF OVER HIS FATHER'S DISGRACE.

HE FIRED A BULLET THROUGH HIS BRAIN.

HIS RIGHT HAND CLUTCHING A REVOLVER.

His Father Was Treasurer of the Presbyterian Board of Aid for Colleges, and Had Embezzled in the Sum of \$60,000.

Chicago, Nov. 23.—James Charnley, the 21-year-old son of Charles M. Charnley, defaulting treasurer of the Presbyterian Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies, disappeared from his uncle's house last Saturday and is believed to have committed suicide in Milwaukee. Lying in the morgue at Milwaukee is the body of a man who answers the description of Charnley. Hotel people found him dead in bed with a bullet in his temple, his right hand clutching a revolver. He had also taken a dose of poison.

Chicago, Nov. 23.—Grief and chagrin over the disgrace of his father, Charles M. Charnley, according to his friends, drove to suicide James Charnley, Jr., who was found in his room in the Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, with a bullet hole in his head. Charles M. Charnley, formerly president of the Presbyterian Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies, disappeared last summer, short some \$60,000 of the funds entrusted to him. This weighed heavily on the son's mind, and it is said that for some time the young man had been ill.

The sister and brother of young Charnley, both of whom are out of the city, were notified at once of the second disaster that has come to them. The brother, Charles, is in New York, and the sister, Miss Constance, is at Smith College.

The second chapter in the family sorrow comes with a crushing weight, as young Charnley has assumed the place of the head of the family which his father had so recently left vacant. During the days when the story of Charles M. Charnley's embezzlement was being exploited in the papers, and ever since, young Charnley has remained in the city and borne the brunt of the reprobation, notoriety and disgrace. For months previous to his father's disappearance, it is said, the impending disaster, which has hung like Damocles' sword, by a single thread, likely at any time to be broken, was known to the young man.

The identity of the young man who committed suicide by firing a bullet through his right temple after taking a deadly dose of morphine, was established in a singular manner. Up to last night there was apparently nothing to show who the dead man was. He had emptied his pockets of everything which might give some clue, and all that remained for the police to work on was a gold band ring on one of his fingers, engraved with the words, "Easter Sunday." Hundreds of people viewed the remains, but all failed of recognition. Last night, however, a newspaper reporter from Chicago visited the morgue, and with the deputy coroner made a thorough examination of the clothing. The discovery was made of the name of "J. Douglas, Chicago," in the suicide's shoes. The reporter looked up the name in the Chicago directory, and found that J. Douglas lived at 99 Astor street. On arriving at the Astor street house he was met by Douglas Charnley, a cousin of the suicide, who informed him that J. Douglas was his uncle, but he was in Europe and consequently could have no connection with the Milwaukee mystery. During their conversation, the thought struck Charnley that his cousin had been wearing a pair of his uncle's shoes and immediately light was thrown on the mystery. It appears that young Charnley, the suicide, had been out of work for some time, but that on Saturday he engaged with a firm at some place in Kentucky to go to work as a bookkeeper. He left the Astor street residence early in the day, bidding his friends good-bye, and was not seen by them afterwards alive.

EXAMINATION POSTPONED.

New York, Nov. 23.—The examination of J. Waldere Kirk, who is accused of shooting Richard Mandelbaum on Nov. 13, at a hotel in this city, was postponed in police court today on account of Mandelbaum's still feeble condition. The bullet has not yet been extracted from Mandelbaum's chest, and he will not be able to appear in court for at least two weeks, although his condition is not serious.

GRATUITOUS ADVERTISING

Offered by Newspapers in the Matter of Constructing Breakwater.

Washington, Nov. 23.—Secretary Alger, in reply to a question as to what course advertising for proposals for constructing the breakwater in San Pedro harbor, said he had received many telegrams from proprietors of newspapers and others offering to publish the advertisements gratuitously if it should be found that there is no appropriation available for this purpose. But as the law does not permit of the acceptance of gratuitous service, he has asked the comptroller of the treasury whether there is any fund from which the expenses of advertising can be paid. Should the comptroller reply in the affirmative the funds that he may design-

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mate will be asked for the purpose, but should he reply that there is no fund available, the secretary of war will advance the money, assuming the risk of being reimbursed by congress, and advertise the work.

COLD WEATHER.

The First Real Winter Weather of the Season Developing. Chicago, Nov. 23.—The first winter weather of the season is enveloping the middle west and south today, the line of freezing temperature extending as far south as Central Texas. Up in the northwest it is decidedly frigid. The coldest place in the country is Havre, Mont., where 16 degrees below zero was chronicled last night, while zero weather is being experienced as far east as Moorhead, Minn. It is below that point through North Dakota. At St. Paul it was 8 above today; at Chicago 18 above and at St. Louis 26 above, the latter being the average temperature down into Texas. The cold wave is moving rapidly eastward and the Atlantic coast will, from all indications, have plenty of frost for Thanksgiving. Not much change is expected before tomorrow, but on Thursday, according to the weather bureau officials, it will be much milder.

EX-CONGRESSMAN COOKE

An Election in Chicago to Fill His Unexpired Term.

Chicago, Nov. 23.—An election to fill the unexpired term of the late Congressman Cooke was held in the Sixth congressional district in this city today. But two candidates were in the field—Henry S. Foutell, republican, and Convent H. Perkins, democrat. The contest was waged squarely on the lines of the presidential election last fall, the money question being almost the only subject discussed by the candidates. The gold democrats, as a result, endorsed the republican nominee. The district was heavily republican a year ago. Party leaders on both sides make confident claims. Indications point to a total vote of not more than 50 per cent of that cast last fall.

PIANO TRUST

EFFORT TO UNITE ALL MANUFACTURERS IN THE U. S.

Steinway, Chickering, Knabe, Kimball, Cobe and Alfred Dolge to Form Backbone of the Organization.

New York, Nov. 23.—The World says that an effort is being made to unite the principal piano manufacturers of the United States.

The Steinway, Chickering, Knabe, Kimball and Cobe (Chicago Cottage) companies will, it is expected by the promoters, with the great supply house of Alfred Dolge, form the backbone of the organization.

The organization will have branch houses in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis, New Orleans, Denver, San Francisco and in a few other large cities.

Great savings are expected on the output of 100,000 pianos (a good year's product), the savings in advertising alone would amount to from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000. A still greater saving is expected from the concentration in a few factories in the great cities of the work now done in a hundred factories scattered all over the country.

PRICES OF COFFEE

GREEN AND ROASTED LOWER THAN EVER BEFORE.

Arbuckle and Woolson Have Fallen to 9 Cents a Pound—Arbuckle's Managers Claim It is Below Cost.

New York, Nov. 23.—The prices of green and roasted coffee are now lower than ever before. Rio No. 7, the spot, is quoted at 64c a pound. The market for futures has also broken 15 points, owing to the increase in the visible supply in the United States, which is now larger than in the history of the trade, being more than 1,000,000 bags.

The price of green coffee a year ago was 16 cents, and that of roasted 15c cents. The margin between the two varieties has therefore been reduced from 50 to 23 cents. In other words, cut in two.

The price of roasted coffee in packages, as sold by the Arbuckle and the Woolson Spice Company, has fallen to 9 cents a pound. A representative of the Arbuckle is quoted as saying that this price is below cost, and a representative of the Havemeyers, who control the Woolson Spice Company, says there is a profit in 2-cent coffee.