

NEWS OBSERVATIONS

...a Ennie Cottrell, a Pequot Indian, died at Stonington, Conn. Saturday, 115 years old.

The register of wills of Lehigh county, Pa. a fugitive. His short-age is \$3,000.

—Rewards are offered for polar research by societies in Great Britain and Australia.

—Ex Gov. Alger, of Michigan, declares that he is not a candidate for the republican nomination for Vice-President.

—There is no change in the situation of the Reading strike. Its effects are now seriously felt by the community.

—The business failures throughout the country during the last week number for the United States 256, and for Canada 23, or a total of 279, as compared with a total of 263 last week.

—Two young men, whose sail-boat was capsized on the Columbia River a few days ago, were rescued after seven hours' soaking by two girls. Engagements not announced as yet.

—Two old ladies who have passed three-score-and-ten recently took their first look at a locomotive at Fairy, Ga.

—Gen. Briggs, of Wisconsin, is in Washington, for the purpose, it is thought, of conferring with the President about his expected appointment to the Mexican mission.

—Gen. Bradley T. Johnson has received messages eulogistic of the late Gen. Isaac R. Trimble from Gov. Fitzhugh Lee, Hon. J. W. H. P. Lee and Gen. Jubal A. Early, of Virginia.

—The strike of the French printers in Quebec caused the partial suspension of the French papers, and has given rise to severe reflections on Cardinal Gibbons' position on the labor question.

—J. B. Whitehead, George M. Bain, R. T. K. Bair, J. H. Toomer and J. H. Hill, late officers of the Norfolk (Va.) National Bank, have been indicted for violation of the national banking laws.

—Mrs. Letitia Bovee died Wednesday night at her residence in Sugar Loaf Valley, Minn., aged 93 years. In her youth she was betrothed to a young man in her Pennsylvania home, whom her parents forbade her to marry, they favoring James Buchanan, afterwards President. It is inferred that Buchanan remained a bachelor on her account.

—An Erie, Pa., special says: Frank McGuire, the man who became insane two years ago as the result of his experience with the alleged miracle-worker, ex-Catholic priest James Maloney, tried to kill the latter Thursday night. McGuire got into his room and fired a pistol shot at him, but was overpowered in the struggle that followed, and ever since he has been raving mad.

—The American Club, the leading organization of its kind in this city, has unanimously adopted a resolution "indorsing the administration of Grover Cleveland, approving his policy of tariff reform and independent voters of the United States his re-nomination and re-election to the Presidency of the United States." The club also passed a resolution favoring New York as the place for holding the next democratic convention.

—The Turkish government is revising its school laws with the aim of suppressing American and other foreign schools. The new law provides that no foreigner can open a school without a special firman given by the Sultan himself, and forbidding any Ottoman subject from attending such a school until the school have taken a course of religious training in his own schools, while foreign schools are to obtain entirely from religious instruction. The schools now existing are to be suppressed unless they conform to these regulations within six months.

—A special from Dubuque, Iowa, says: Senator Allison said in an interview that the party which failed to get its share in speedily reducing the tariff taxes would lose in public favor. The necessity for some action was great, and Congress would be compelled to act. He did not wish to outline any definite plan, but said the parties were so divided that in order to reach any result mutual concessions must be made. He would be willing to repeal the tobacco tax and the sugar tariff and further enlarge the free list.

—Among the ideal cloth costumes are those in princess style, made in elegant simplicity and beautifully finished. The bodice portion and the breadths in front and over the hips fit without a wrinkle and are absolutely devoid of puff or looping. Some of the new models made of German broadcloth are slashed up each side, showing an elaborately braided petticoat beneath, the braiding also bordering the slashed breadths in a narrower pattern. All the drapery is gathered close at the back and applied to the centre forms of the bodice.

—Too many who start out as farmers make the mistake of going too largely in debt. One of the requisites for a profitable agriculture is the fixed one invested in land and buildings. If a man has 15 acres of land clear and no money besides as a rule it would be better for him to sell the 50 acres for cash simply to use the money so obtained in the business, for the farmer is handicapped who cannot buy enough of good tools to be a floating man, for a house with labor-saving implements, nor get the cash prices for what he must buy, such as seed, stock, etc. And he should be above the necessity of selling his crops until he is sure they are going to the best market.

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A bill was introduced by Mr. Pugh (by request) to establish a court of appeal. By Mr. Ransom appropriating \$500,000 for the erection of a light-house on Diamond Shoals. He made a brief appeal for the prompt consideration and passage of the bill, stating that the location was 10 or 15 miles from the point of Cape Hatteras where the existing light-house stands and that there would be but a few better or more glorious days in human history than the day when the dark horrors of Hatteras should be overcome by the illumination of human science.

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NOTICE.

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CHAS. H. BELVIN, Clerk.

When Mr. Vest concluded, Mr. Wilson, of Maryland, obtained the floor. The Senate took up and passed the bill appropriating \$1,000,000 for a government building at Milwaukee. After an executive session of half an hour the Senate adjourned.

Mr. Baker, of Illinois, said that he felt constrained to resign his position as a member of the committee on claims, adding however, the sincere expression of his high appreciation of the personnel of that committee. The resignation was accepted.

Mr. Kelley, of Pennsylvania, introduced a joint resolution for printing a supplement to Wharton's International Law. Referred.

On motion of Mr. Crisp, of Georgia, a resolution was adopted granting leave to the committee on elections to sit during the sessions of the House.

Mr. Shaw, of Maryland, chairman of the committee on accounts, reported a resolution designating the committees entitled to employ clerks. Mr. Shaw demanded the previous questions, but the House refused—yeas 83, nays 180 to sustain the demand.

Mr. Hooker, Miss. offered an amendment assigning clerks to the committee on expenditures in the State department, on expenditures in the navy department, on expenditures in the department of justice, on Mississippi improvement, on ventilation and acoustics—committees which had not been allowed separate clerks by the report of the committee on accounts.

Mr. Perkins, Kansas offered an amendment providing that every member of the House not a chairman of a committee shall be allowed a clerk during the session, who shall receive a salary of \$100 per month. Ruled out on a point of order as not germane. Mr. Perkins then changed the phrasing of the provision so as to bring it within the rules without changing its effect.

Messrs. Brannin of Pennsylvania, and Struble of Iowa, favored the proposition.

Mr. Brown, of Indiana, while acknowledging the advantage which a member would derive from being allowed a clerk, opposed the proviso as being an indirect method of increasing the compensation of the member of Congress during his term of service, a thing which should never be done.

Mr. Herbert, of Alabama, took a similar view, and warned his political friends that though the proposition came from the other side, the democratic majority would be held responsible for its adoption.

Mr. Blount earnestly urged his party friends to defeat the proposition which had already been repudiated repeatedly by democratic houses. He regretted the division which had occurred in the ranks of the majority upon the proposition, and the amendments proposed.

Mr. Dougherty, of Florida, suggested that if every member had a clerk that the interests of his constituents would be more faithfully attended to. He was ready to justify his vote in favor of the proposition before his constituents.

Mr. Payne, of Pennsylvania, contended that the members needed clerks, and that they ought to have the courage to say so and not beat the devil around the bush by giving clerks to committees that had nothing to do.

Mr. Scott, of Pennsylvania, stood ready to vote to give every member a clerk and was not afraid to go home and meet his people after having done so.

Mr. Hook of Tennessee, said that in voting for the proposition he would not be voting for his own benefit but that of his constituents.

Mr. Stewart, of Georgia, opposed what he regarded as an indirect and an unwise mode of adding \$100 a month to the salary of members. If the proposition had any merit it should be enacted into permanent law to take effect in the future. After further debate, Mr. Mills, of Texas, moved to recommit the report and the pending amendments to the committee on accounts. Agreed to, 121 to 100.

Under a call of States bills were introduced and referred as follows:

By Mr. Wheeler, of Alabama, to increase the compensation of 4th class postmasters.

By Mr. Oates, of Alabama, for the forfeiture of certain lands granted to the Mobile & Girard R. R. Co. also to define and punish the offense of the burning of wood and grass and forests or lands belonging to the U. S.

Also a resolution directing the committee on judiciary to report what legislation is necessary to limit and restrict the number of foreigners annually immigrating to the U. S., and to secure the better protection of the people of this country against the evils arising from the indiscriminate admission to domicile and citizenship of paupers, outlaws and ardent persons from other countries.

By Mr. Blount, of Georgia, to prohibit the mailing of newspapers or circulars containing lottery advertisements.

By Mr. Dunn, of Arkansas, a free ship bill.

By Mr. McCreary, of Kentucky, for the purchase of bonds for cancellation of a floating mortgage for agricultural lands.

By Mr. Taubee, of Kentucky, repealing the civil service laws.

By Mr. Cuthbert, of Michigan, to reorganize a bureau of civil appointments.

By Mr. Barnes, of Georgia, appropriating \$250,000 for the improvement of the Savannah river between Savannah and Augusta. Also for the establishment of a Federal Court at Augusta.

Adjourned.

Nominations by the President.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Among the nominations sent to the Senate today by the President were the following: John F. Redding to be postmaster at Bartonsville, Ga., and John F. Kidds at Cathbert, Ga.

The discussion of the proposed revision of the tariff on import duties does not have the disturbing effect that many apprehended, chiefly because nothing radical or sweeping seems to be proposed in any quarter.

The speculation in lard for future delivery has turned in favor of the bears, prices showing a material decline. An increase in the slaughter of swine has pointed to an increased production of lard, while the great extent to which it is adulterated reduces the consumption of it. Today there was a slight further decline. Lard on the spot has been weak, and closed dull at 7 7/8 for prime city, 7.87 1/2 for prime to choice western, and 8 1/4 for refined to the continent and 8 25 to South America.

In other hog products the turn of values has been in favor of buyers. Cheese is more firmly held in favorable foreign advices.

The speculation in Rio coffee has turned strongly toward lower prices. Advices from Brazil have been free selling and values have rapidly given way. An effort yesterday to support the market had but momentary success. Today an opening decline in futures was partially recovered, the early months in particular becoming buoyant; but coffee on the spot remains dull and unsettled, with fair cargoes. Rio quoted nominally at 18c.

Raw sugars were rather quiet until today, when there was renewed activity and buoyancy, fair refining. Cuba quoted at 5 3/4 c., and sales included three cargoes Iloilo, 4 1/4 c., and two cargoes centrifugal, 96 deg. test, 3 3/4 c. & 1 Molasses was more freely offered, and 50 deg. test sold at 23c. The tea sale on Wednesday went off at steady prices.

Spirita turpentine is firmer, in sympathy with Southern markets, and closes at 49c, but other naval stores are quiet and unchanged. Wool and hops are steadier.

The imports of cotton into Continental ports this week have been 20,000 bales.

The above figures indicate a decrease in the cotton in sight tonight of 155,880 bales as compared with the same date of 1887, an increase of 33,470 bales as compared with the corresponding date of 1886 and a decrease of 44,789 bales as compared with 1885.

The old interior stocks have decreased during the week 29,261 bales and are tonight 48,292 bales more than at the same period last year. The receipts at the same towns have been 5,670 bales more than the same week last year, and since September 1st the receipts at all the towns are 193,465 bales more than for the same time in 1886-87.

The prices show some decline. The opening on Tuesday morning was comparatively steady on a strong Liverpool report, with the statistical position regarded as very favorable to the views of the bull party; but the receipts at the ports were unexpectedly free, exceeding the corresponding dates last year and caused some selling to realize on a very moderate demand. The depression was quite conspicuous in the closing hours of Wednesday's business, and early Thursday there was a smart recovery on the indications pointing to reduced stocks at interior towns, through free shipments from them, and the large export to Liverpool making a marked reduction in stocks at the ports. Today the market was very unsettled. Prices turned upon the varying phases of the interior movement, and in the last hour declined under the report of the large overland movement for December. Cotton on the spot has been dull and stocks increased. Quotations were reduced 1 1/2c on Wednesday. The market was quiet and nominal today, middling uplands closing at 10 1/2c.

She got the Watch.
Mr. Montgomery has been going wrong of late. He has got into the habit of staying out very late at night.

"Fergy, dear," began his wife when he came home to dinner the other evening, "Christmas will soon be here."

"Remarkable," ejaculated Ferguson.

"Do you know what I want?" she continued, without heeding the scornful remark.

"The earth, with a shawl-strap to carry it, probably."

"No, Fergy; all I want is one of those beautiful little watches."

"A watch! What in the thunder do you want a watch for?"

"So that I won't become angry with you, Fergy," said Mrs. Montgomery, as she wound her arms tenderly about his neck. "Every night for a week I've heard a clock strike 2 before you came home. I know the clock won't be right, and I want the clock moved. If I have a watch we won't be moved. If I have a watch we won't be moved."

Mr. Montgomery did not wait for Christmas. He bought the watch next day. —*Minneapolis Journal.*

Prize Drill.
The Governor's Guard held a prize drill at their armory last night. The boys exhibited great skill in the manipulation of the guns, and the contest was very exciting. Mr. E. H. King was the victor, and he was awarded the handsome gold medal, which was the prize offered by the company.

—Advices from Michigan clearly indicate that Mr. Jay Hubbell's chances of securing the public nomination to succeed the late Congressman Moffat are already good. All the indications point to the success of Col. Chas. G. Osborne, a man of good reputation, and fair ability. The failure of Mr. Hubbell to get back to Congress is a subject for general congratulation.

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Twelfth Day, or Who's Got the Best!
The Catholic Church in this country is to have a special observance of the Twelfth Day, or Twelfth Night, on the evening of January 5th, which is the feast of the Epiphany. In England it was a custom to bake a large Twelfth Day cake containing a bean. The cake was divided amongst the assembled families and friends, and whoever got the bean was king for the day and was called King Bean. In France an expression for good luck was, "He has found the bean in the cake." In Rome a comical figure called Befana was paraded the streets amid a storm of popular wit and non-sense. Befana was a second edition of Santa Claus, for the children hung up their stockings and he filled those of good children with sweets, and those of the bad ones with stones. In the last century in England Twelfth-Night cards, representing ministers, maids of honor, and Shakespeare's play of Twelfth-Night, or What You Will, were given, and there was a "taken in it in his day."

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