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NEWS OBSERVATIONS. Divorcees have become such an everyday occurrence in Chicago that one of the Chicago papers publishes the daily applications for them in the same column and in the same manner as the birth, marriage and death notices.

Dr. Flint, Sayres and Hamilton have reported to Mr. Abbey that Josef Hofmann, the boy pianist, is not suffering from any organic disease and may be able to perform in public once a week.

The steamer Australia has arrived at San Francisco, bringing information of a cyclone and tidal wave which occurred at Mahonua February 5 and 6. The wharves and part of a warehouse were swept away.

The Deadwood Times has the following item: "There is a high-toned case on Sherman street of socialistic tendencies who practices his political teachings. He has no good, but a poor woman in the neighborhood has worked and earned it, and he divides with her. He always waits until she has gone to bed before he makes the divvy and carries his part home. We will give his name if he doesn't quit."

A recent funeral in Louisiana was announced by handbills reading as follows: "There will be a large funeral at Frogmore, the mother of —'s wife. All invited to attend. Ice water in abundance, free to all. Come one, come all." The paper contains the date of the funeral services, the names of six "managers," three of whom were clergymen, and the time of arrival and departure of trains from neighboring stations, with a list of railroad fares.

A gentleman in Atlanta, Ga., is peculiarly afflicted. One of his eyes is a light blue in color and the other is a light gray. He cannot see anything out of the blue eyes, but sees distinctly and well with the gray eye; and from sunset to sunrise he cannot see anything with the gray one. His hearing is similarly affected. He can hear only on the blind side; thus he can hear with but one ear during the daytime and with but one ear during the night. He never discovered this until recently.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie, the wealthy Pittsburgh iron manufacturer, and a leading Republican, thinks the withdrawal of Mr. Blaine "has made the Republican party much stronger and completely united it." Mr. Carnegie favors the nomination of Gov. Beaver, of Pennsylvania, for President, but thinks the fact that Pennsylvania is a sure Republican State will bar the Governor out. He also regards Senator Sherman, Allison and Hiseock as available candidates. Mr. Carnegie has no doubt of the re-nomination of President Cleveland.

Dainty flower bonnets are bordered with velvet, and have butterfly or Albatross bows at the front, of ribbon in a shade akin to the flower selected for the crown. Others have clusters of flowers veiled by black or colored tulle, while full widths of the same supply its strings.

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A number of reports on private bills were presented and the House went into a committee of the whole on the private calendar.

Speaker, pro tem, Cox called a gentleman from Illinois, Mr. Springer to the chair, which action caused some laughter and applause.

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CONGRESS. PROCEEDINGS YESTERDAY IN SENATE AND HOUSE.

SUB-MARINE CABLES AGAIN—RACING POOLS AND BOOK-MAKING IN THE DISTRICT—OTHER NEWS BY WIRE.

By Telegraph to the News and Observer. WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—SENATE.—The large majority of petitions presented and referred were from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in the various States and Territories and were either for the better legal protection of women or for prohibition in the District of Columbia.

Among the bills reported from committees and placed on the calendar were the following: For the relief of Rear Admiral Carter; to prevent "racing pools" or "books" in the District of Columbia.

Mr. Callum offered a resolution (which was adopted), requesting the President to inform the Senate whether the French government has prohibited the importation into France of American products; what steps (if any) have been taken by the government of the United States to procure a rescinding of such prohibition; whether any correspondence between the two governments had taken place prior to the President's message of the 12th of January last.

Senator Beck suggested that the resolution be extended so as to refer to Germany and Portugal, which had prohibited certain American products; but Mr. Callum wished to confine it to France.

Mr. Butler offered a resolution (which was agreed to) calling on the Postmaster General for an explanation of the reasons why certain public documents mailed by him were returned with the information that they had been held for postage. (It seemed from Mr. Butler's statement that the excuse was that the books did not bear the endorsement "public documents free.")

Mr. Allison offered a resolution (which was adopted) calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for schedules of claims allowed by accounting officers of the Treasury, and of judgments of the Court of Claims, since they embraced in the urgent deficiency bill.

On motion of Mr. Edmunds, the Senate bill to incorporate the Maritime Canal Company of Nicaragua was taken from the calendar for consideration.

Pending discussion on the Nicaragua Maritime bill, unfinished business was taken up, being the dependent pension bill, and Mr. Anderson proceeded to address the Senate in its advocacy.

Mr. Turpie made an eloquent appeal in favor of the bill as a measure calculated to put indigent ex-soldiers in a position to enjoy the calm which had followed the storm and the peace which had succeeded the war.

Without coming to a vote on the bill the Senate proceeded to executive business and at 3:55 adjourned till Monday.

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THE PRESIDENT AND HIS PARTY AT PALATKA.

STROUGLING CROWDS TO SEE HIM—DISAPPOINTMENT AT FAILURE TO DO SO—OTHER NEWS.

By Telegraph to the News and Observer. PALATKA, Fla., Feb. 24.—The President and party arrived at East Palatka at 10:45 last night and were ferried over to Palatka in twenty minutes, where the train was waiting at the wharf. The party was shown through the warehouse to the train, where a large crowd had gathered. The President stepped down to the lowest step of the car after the party was aboard. The struggling crowd finally got into something like order and the President shook hands with them as they passed by. The train left at 11:30. An announcement having been made that he would hold a reception at the Putnam House, hundreds came in from towns, some as far off as two hundred miles. Their disappointment was expressed with some bitterness at the mistake made by the committee sent to meet the President.

JACKSONVILLE, Feb. 24.—When the President and party arrived at Palatka from St. Augustine last night they crossed the St. John's river which twinkled with lights and looked on a bright night like a jewel. A change in the moonlight, and land amid shrieking whistles and cheers from the concourse of people. After an informal reception which was held on the steps of the special train, and several hundred persons had shaken hands with the President and Mrs. Cleveland, the party started for Titusville, on the Jacksonville, Tampa & Key West railroad. The run was made slowly to enable the party to rest. The weather this morning was beautiful as the party took the hotel. A dinner was served at the hotel. A dinner was served at the hotel. A dinner was served at the hotel.

By Government Victory in England. LONDON, Feb. 24.—The Parliamentary election in the Doncaster division of the west riding of Yorkshire to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Walter Shirley (Liberal) was held today and resulted in a victory for the Liberal-Unionists, their candidate, Hon. W. H. Fitzwilliam, receiving 5,634 votes against 5,423 for Mr. Spencer Balfour, the Gladstonian candidate. In the previous election the vote for Mr. Shirley (Liberal) was 5,080; Hon. W. H. Fitzwilliam (Liberal-Unionist) 4,792. The government's victory was a complete surprise. It is certain that it was brought about by the lauded influence of Mr. Fitzwilliam, coupled with the fact that the Liberals will not contest the election in Hampstead, where a vacancy exists by reason of the elevation of Sir Henry Holland, Colonial Secretary, to the peerage. The result of the election in Doncaster renders the liberal-unionists very jubilant.

Indians Suffering in the Far North. By Telegraph to the News and Observer. ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 24.—An Edmonton correspondent of the Pioneer gives the facts in regard to the reports of the starving condition of the Indians in the far north. He says the failure of the crops and the scarcity of game have left the Indians solely dependent on the Indian Department for food. The government supplies have failed to come and the consequence is most deplorable. All the stock of fish they had frozen in the early part of the winter was spoiled by the mild weather in January. The chiefs of the White Fish Lake and other tribes became demonstrative and threatened the Government officials with retaliation unless food be carried into the country. The agent at Saddle Lake came down to Edmonton and refused to return without food, being afraid for his life. The correspondent accuses the Indian Department of criminal negligence and says if the Indians are not looked after the consequences may be disastrous.

The Situation in France. By Cable to the News and Observer. PARIS, Feb. 24.—Most of the newspapers believe that the government's obtaining a majority in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday on the clause in the budget relating to the secret service will enable the ministry to exist until the budget is adopted. The Matine says that when the budget is passed Mr. Tirard, Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, will propose the issue of a large loan in order to restore the financial equilibrium. The security of game laws was discussed and Mr. Tirard has resigned his commission in the Italian army. Gen. Boulanger has telegraphed to the war office denying that he is connected with any electoral candidacy.

Russia's Programme. By Cable to the News and Observer. ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 24.—The Journal de St. Petersburg says that Russia's programme towards Bulgaria as set forth in yesterday's official messenger is conciliatory and pacific and shows a desire to establish legal order by moral authority. The newspaper version of Russia's circular note to the powers is apocryphal. No such note has been issued.

The Crown Prince's Condition. By Cable to the News and Observer. SAN REMO, Feb. 24.—During the first part of last night the Crown Prince of Germany's rest was disturbed by his coughing. He, however, slept well. He is depressed by the death of his nephew, Prince Louis of Baden. The Prince of Wales has gone to Cannes.

Death of a Good Man. By Telegraph to the News and Observer. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24.—W. W. Crooran died at 6:30 o'clock this morning. He passed away quietly and in consciousness. He lapsed into insensibility yesterday afternoon from which he did not again awake. Traces of life faded gradually but steadily until breathing was no longer noticeable.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The Senate investigating committee took up the Cotton Seed Oil Trust today. This Trust made no effort to conceal its real status. Before the examination of witnesses was begun, lawyer Elisha Root, on behalf of the Trust, objected to the investigation, on these grounds: The Trust has only to do with cotton seed oil; no cotton seed is grown or produced in this State but in Arkansas; only three of the nine trustees live in this State; cotton seed oil is not an article of general consumption and it is not within the scope of the committee to investigate the Trust, the committee has no more to do with the Trust than it would have with a Connecticut woolen mill or a Western railroad. The committee overruled the objection and called John Scott, one of the trustees, to the witness stand. He said: "There are 70 or 80 companies in the Trust. Last year's crop was 70,000,000 tons, of which the company controlled 530,000 tons. 27 1/2 per cent of the oil was exported. The balance was used for soap. Several firms make monthly reports, which are investigated by employees of the Trust. The capital stock of the Trust is fixed at \$41,700,000. Nominally a dividend of 4 per cent has been declared. As the stock sold for 35 per cent the dividend was a matter of about 12 per cent. The combined stock of the companies entering the combine was less than half of the stock of the Trust. The witness thought that, since the formation of the Trust in 1885, the price of cotton-seed had risen. At that time the mills were on the verge of bankruptcy and some of them had shut down."

Total Net Receipts of Cotton. NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1st: Galveston, 617,292 bales; New Orleans, 1,510,055 bales; Mobile, 195,403 bales; Savannah, 806,574 bales; Charleston, 398,585 bales; Wilmington, 166,585 bales; Norfolk, 422,726 bales; Baltimore, 35,656 bales; New York, 60,374 bales; Boston, 63,207 bales; Newport News, 83,060 bales; Philadelphia, 22,614 bales; West Point, 360,523 bales; Brunswick, 78,304 bales; Port Royal, 11,751 bales; Beaufort, 16,832 bales; Total, 4,849,901 bales.

Winston News. COR. NEWS AND OBSERVER. WINSTON, N. C., Feb. 22.—The result of the election for the appropriation to the Roanoke and Southern was highly satisfactory to our people. The vote was very full, one and was almost unanimous, there being only three votes against it. The building of the road is now an assured fact, and we look for work to begin soon, and the wish of the colored orator, who spoke at the mass meeting last Friday night, will be realized. He said: "I want to see this road built, so that de glad news may rise to de sun, and so that us old Fergin niggers can get some good ole Fergin meat."

A Gentleman who lives in Wilkesboro has just told me that he has just returned from Richmond where he learned from good authority that the Richmond & Danville, would certainly push the Wilkesboro extension to an early completion.

There was some good work done here during the two weeks of court that closed Saturday. Judge Clark worked up to closing time, and made every one else work. Adeline Allen, who killed her child, was sentenced to be hung in April, but her sentence was commuted to a life confinement in the penitentiary the very day she was sentenced. The Governor did right to pardon the poor human brute, if there can be such an animal.

The recent seasons and high prices for tobacco have caused farmers to bring the weed to market almost world without end. The warehouses have been crowded all the week, with double sales going