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BLAINE IS DEAD.

Hon. James Gillespie Blaine died at his home in Washington City last Friday morning after a lingering illness, aged about 63 years. Mr. Blaine has been a conspicuous personage in American politics for more than a quarter of a century.

The future in the Senatorial balloting at Cheyenne, Wyo., was the complimentary vote received by Mrs. Mary T. Bartlett. She is the first woman, it is said, who ever received a vote in a State Legislature for United States Senator.

The President has announced to Republican Senators that he intends to appoint a Republican to the Supreme bench to succeed Justice Lamar, and that the appointment will be made from the South.

The Legislature has passed a law regulating the work hours per day of female and minor operatives in factories, etc. The law limits the hours for work at 11 out of 24, and makes it a misdemeanor to violate this law.

The Crime of Murder.

The following is the text of the House bill to divide the crime of murder into two degrees and to define the same, viz:

SECTION 1. All murders which shall be perpetrated by means of poison, lying in wait, imprisonment, starving, torture, or by any other kind of wilful, deliberate and premeditated killing, or which shall be committed in the perpetration or attempt to perpetrate any arson, rape, robbery, burglary, or other felony, shall be deemed to be murder in the first degree, and shall be punished with death.

SEC. 2. All other kinds of murder shall be deemed murder in the second degree, and shall be punished with imprisonment of not less than two, nor more than thirty years in the penitentiary.

SEC. 3. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to require any alteration or modification of the existing form of indictment for murder, but the jury before whom the offender is tried shall determine in their verdict whether the crime is murder in the first or second degree; and if the accused confesses his guilt, the Judge presiding shall proceed to ascertain the degree of the crime upon examination of the testimony, and render judgment accordingly.

SEC. 4. That the provisions of this act shall not apply to any crime which shall have been committed prior to the ratification of this act, and shall not affect the existing distinctions between murder and manslaughter, nor the punishment for manslaughter as now provided by law.

SEC. 5. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

In the Legislature.

RALEIGH, N. C., January 28.—In the Senate today, the bill prohibiting the giving of railroad passes, was discussed in a lively manner. It passed its final reading.

In the House, representative Harris introduced a bill extending the time for the collection of arrears of taxes in Mecklenburg.

Bills were introduced to establish an astronomical observatory to protect landlords; to insure listing of solvent credits; to provide for the equal distribution of school funds and a uniform

On Iron Rails.

Strange that Philadelphia, which is reputed a slow town, should produce the fastest locomotives in the world. Yet such is the fact. A great factory there, which is the biggest of the kind in existence, turns out 1,000 mighty iron horses with snouts of forged steel every year. It completes of these engine-year working days, and at a pinch it can increase the number to four per day. That is the rate of output. A locomotive, of course, such gigantic machines cannot be begun and finished within twenty-four hours. Forty-five days are ordinarily required to make a locomotive, though the task has been performed in seven days. It would take five men a year to build one, if they had to do everything, starting with the raw material. A Philadelphia man made the first locomotive that ever pulled a load. It was the famous "Old Ironsides," built in 1832 for the Germantown railroad. Up to that time the steam horse had been generally declared useless for practical purposes. After this achievement orders flowed in upon the inventor. The factory which he created now sends its locomotives all over the world. It has supplied the engines for the new railway in the Holy Land from Jaffa to Jerusalem, which was operated for traffic October 1st last. The line is fifty-three miles long, extending across the Plain of Sharon and thence up through the mountains of Judea. Such rapid transit is a great help to pilgrims. Thus far the only casualty reported was the running over of a camel and its driver.

Six weeks ago the speed record of locomotives was broken on the Reading railroad between Philadelphia and Jersey City by an engine which made a mile in 37 seconds. Five miles were also covered in 23 minutes and 25 seconds. Going at such a rate the engineer does not venture to put his head out of the window. If he did so he could not breathe and tears would be blown out of his eyes. On the stretch of track spoken of the fastest trains in the world are run every day, covering miles in 42 and 43 seconds right along. A mile in 37 seconds signifies 64 miles an hour. There is no doubt that a speed of 100 miles an hour will be reached and exceeded. Better tracks, bigger wheels and higher steam pressures are essential elements of acceleration.

This factory in Philadelphia employs 4,500 men, divided into day and night shifts. It wages \$60,000 a week is paid.—Washington Star.

A Frango Story.

A Plain City, O., special says: At Amity, a village four miles South of this place, a series of exciting revival meetings have been in progress during the past two weeks, conducted by Mrs. Kim Sherwood, a religious enthusiast, Columbus Grove. On Tuesday night Tim White arose in the congregation and said that as he didn't feel well he wanted prayer was for him. A united prayer was offered in his behalf, during which young White sank upon the floor in an apparently heavy sleep. His features and limbs soon after became rigid, but a slight action of the heart deputed continuance of life, and he was taken home and put in bed, where he remained speechless and motionless until for two weeks. Then he awoke, sat up in bed and asked for a chew of tobacco. He says that he was in a trance during this time, and he says it was revealed to him that a severe visitation of cholera will be inflicted upon Amity next summer if its people do not turn from their wickedness. The fact that cholera and smallpox have at different times scourged the village within the memory of many of its inhabitants gives the sleeper's prediction a serious turn of thought.

Without Loss of Life.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Secretary of State Foster received this morning advices from the Hawaiian islands to the effect that the monarchy is overthrown and a provisional government established in the interest of the whole people of the island. The cabinet was voted out on January 12th and another on the 14th on which date the Queen proposed the legislators and attempted to proclaim a new constitution drawn by hissing foreigners and increasing royal prerogatives. January 16 the citizens organized a committee of safety. On the 17th a provisional government was established and the Queen deposed. The revolution was accomplished without loss of a single life. The United States troops landed in accordance with the request of the American minister to pre-empt the property of Americans. The new government was promptly recognized by most of the diplomatic representatives. The four men who constitute the head of the provisional government are of high character, one having resigned a place on the Supreme court to such to assume the position. The latest advices report the islands in a state of tranquillity.

The Senate Democratic.

The election of Mr. Martin settles the political complexion of the next Senate. There are now 89 Democrats in the body, to which New York, California, Wisconsin and Kansas will each add one, with Kyle certain to vote with the Democrats, making 44, or just half the Senators, and a Democratic Vice-President holding the casting vote. In addition to these, there is more than equal chance for Democratic Senators from Montana and Wyoming. If Democrats shall be elected in those States, the Senate would stand 46 Democrats, or 2 more than half the whole membership of the body. It is, therefore, entirely safe to assume that the Democrats will organize the next Senate and have a clear majority in favor of thorough reform.—Philadelphia Times.

The State Senate, by a vote of 27 to 20, Thursday, declared that it was not in favor of a tax on dogs, and that as between sheep husbandry and dog husbandry it was by a majority of 7 in favor of the dog. The purpose of this bill was not to exterminate the dog, nor to deprive people of the right of privilege to own a dog or dogs, by taxing a certain kind of dog, to reduce the number of dogs, and thus give the farmer who wanted to raise sheep a chance. All this demagoguery about the rights of the poor people to own dogs is the sheerest nonsense, and is as the dog question. A proposition never was made in the Legislature that some member didn't come to the front and plead for the "rights" of the man with a dog, something which no one disputes. The question is, shall the man with the dog be a privileged character, and the dog or dogs which camp on his premises be above and beyond the law, which reaches over every other four-footed creature on the surface of our territorial domain? If a dog is a comfort and a solace to its owner, it is worth protection, unless it is regarded as property. There are useful dogs, lots of them, and some very valuable dogs but there are thousands of useless, destructive curs, which nobody wants to own. It is these that do the harm and that ought to be got rid of. If there were not so many dogs there would be fewer demagogues, and if there were fewer demagogues there would not be so many dogs.—Wilmington Messenger.

The great scandal of Mr. Harrison's administration has been the looting of the Treasury by pension agents assisted by the men employed under the profligate management of the pension bureau by Green B. Raum. It will be Mr. Cleveland's mission to wipe out altogether the infamous gang, and drive them entirely out of Washington. It used to be a common saying under Grant's administration that Washington was so reeking with corruption that the man in the moon held his nose as he passed over the city. The same state of affairs has existed ever since Mr. Harrison placed Raum at the head of the pension bureau.—Richmond Times-Democrat.

Mr. Halford, the President's private secretary, as Paymaster in the army, will have a nice soft soap for life, will get a salary of \$2,500, which is increased 10 per cent every five years. He gets rent, forage for two horses, and medical attendance gratis, and can purchase at family supplies from the Government stores at cost, and if he should live to be sixty-four will be retired on three quarters salary for life. While Mr. Harrison is stepping out of a good thing he is helping his young friend Elijah to step in.—Wilmington Star.

No living germ of disease can resist the anti-toxic power of essence of cinchona for more than a few hours. This is the conclusion announced by M. Chamberland as the result of prolonged research and experiment in M. Pasteur's laboratory. It is said to destroy micro-organisms effectively, if not as rapidly, as corrosive sublimate. Even the seed of it is fatal to microbes, and M. Chamberland says a decoction of cinchona should be taken freely by persons living in places affected by typhoid or cholera.

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