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DEMOCRATIC HEADQUARTERS.

Chairman Jones Greatly Encouraged—Believes Bryan Will Receive the Largest Majority Ever Given a Presidential Candidate.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Oct. 1.—Chairman Jones, who returned last evening from the East, says he feels greatly encouraged over the outlook and says the sentment in favor of free silver is growing rapidly throughout the country and if the election were to be held to-day Bryan would be elected. He believes the sentiment will continue until election day and that the free silver nominee will receive the largest majority of the electoral college vote ever given to a Presidential candidate.

Mr. Jones says he has no doubt whatever of the result in Illinois, notwithstanding McKinley managers and papers manufacture contrary report.

"The national managers express the greatest confidence of carrying Illinois, their only fear being (it is officialy declared) that an attempt will be made to debauch the polls in Chicago on election day."

Arrangements were completed to-day for Mr. Bryan's trip from Cincinnati to St. Louis on Saturday. A special train will be provided to leave Cincinnati at 6 a. m. Stops will be made long enough for brief addresses at Lawrenceburg, Aurora, North Vernon, Seymour, Mitchell, Washington and Vincennes, and at Lawrenceville, Olney and Flora, Ill.

It is not known at what hour Mr. Bryan will reach St. Louis, as the length of stops will be regulated by circumstances.

Hon. Leon Bailey, of Indianapolis, was at national Democratic headquarters to day, and declared that if the election were to be held to-day Indiana would give Bryan twenty-five thousand majority.

Senator Teller, Chairman Jones, and Chief McConville, of the speakers' bureau, conferred to-day regarding the former's itinerary, but no progress was definitely mapped out. Senator Teller, however, will speak in Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

WILL SWEEP THE COUNTRY.

Senator Blackburn Says Bryan Will Carry Thirty of the Forty-five States—Kentucky Will Give Him a Large Majority.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, October 1.—Senator J. C. S. Blackburn, of Kentucky, who addressed the Bryan mass meeting on Tuesday evening, was still in the city yesterday and was at the Waldorf. He talks bitterly about what he calls the treachery of certain leaders in Kentucky, but when he comes to speak of the situation over the country he grows enthusiastic.

"Why," he said, "in this campaign I have covered this country South and West pretty thoroughly and I am convinced Bryan is going to carry thirty of the forty-five States. I base my calculation upon the fact that there is a general uprising in favor of free silver over the country."

Senator Blackburn says the people of the East are lamentably ignorant about the situation in the West.

"How will your State go," Mr. Blackburn was asked. He glanced at the speaker with an astonished look. "Kentucky," he said emphatically, "will go for Bryan, and his majority will be a large one. I make the prediction that the Palmer and Buckner ticket will not carry a county, Congressional, State, or election district, and that the total vote cast will be insignificant."

SPOTS AND FUTURES.

New York Sun's Review of the Cotton Market.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, October 1.—The *Sun* says: Cotton opened one to four points higher, reacted and declined slightly, then rallied and advanced six to eight points, but lost this, closing quiet and unchanged, with sales of 127,800 bales. New Orleans declined three points, but rallied and advanced slightly. Spot cotton here was unchanged, with sales of 500 bales for export, and 325 for spinning.

Cotton features: Owing to the absence of news from the South, the speculation to-day was again as small as yesterday. The fluctuations were continued within a narrow range and at the close they were unchanged from last night's closing. A North Carolina telegram stated that the Commissioner of Agriculture of that State estimated that one-quarter of the cotton crop had been blown out of the fields. This report, together with better Liverpool news to-day than had been expected, caused a slight advance at the time, but the improvement was soon lost.

A letter from Bennettsville, S. C., said that the storm had done extreme damage to the cotton crop and that the gins had been blown down. It is generally believed here that the crop has been seriously injured by the storm, but in the absence of news there is no desire to speculate.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Wheat Active and Higher—Corn and Oats Advanced in Sympathy with Wheat—Better Prices for Pork Products.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, October 1.—Wheat advanced at a rapid gait to-day, and a further gain of two cents over yesterday was noted at 10 o'clock. Recessions took place before the close. The advance was due to local speculative sentiment. Cables were all higher. Cash wheat was strong and 1 to 1½c higher. December closed 1⅛@1¼c higher than yesterday.

Corn advanced through sympathy with wheat. At times considerable interest in this market was displayed. May corn closed ⅝@1c higher.

Oats were favorably influenced by the other markets. May oats closed ⅝@¾c higher.

Provisions advanced through the influence exerted by grain. January pork closed 32½c higher, January lard 30c higher, and January ribs 17½c higher.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, October 1.—Spirits turpentine firm at 28@28½c. Rosin firm: strained common to good $1 67½@1 75.

CHARLESTON, October 1.—Spirits turpentine was firm at 24½c; sales — bales. Rosin firm; sales — barrels; prices: B, C, D $1 30, E, F $1 45, G $1 50, H $1 50, I $1 50 K $1 50, M $1 60, N $1 80, W G $2 00, W W $2 10.

SAVANNAH, October 1.—Spirits turpentine firm at 25c; sales 325 casks; receipts 609 casks. Rosin was firm; sales 3,000 barrels; receipts 3,773 barrels. A, B, C, D $1 50, E, F, $1 50, G $1 50, H, I $1 55, K $1 60, M $1 75, N $2 00, W G $2 15, W W $2 35.

A special from Topeka, Kan., says that the allied Silver Committee has arranged for a tour of Kansas by William J. Bryan in a special car during the latter part of this month.

BRYAN IN WEST VIRGINIA.

MADE SPEECHES YESTERDAY AT MANY POINTS IN THAT STATE.

Forty Thousand Were on the Streets at Wheeling—The Largest Assemblage Ever Known at Parkersburg—At Clarksburg Thousands of People Welcomed the Candidate.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CLARKSBURG, W. VA., October 1.—This is the biggest day in Clarksburg for years past and the town from early morning has been thronged with people from all parts of this section. Crowds came from Gilmer, Braxton, Lewis, Webster and all central counties in large numbers, and they were very enthusiastic. When the Bryan train reached Clarksburg, thousands of people were at the depot to welcome him, and a crowd on the depot to greet. After a short time he appeared and was given a rousing cheer. He was escorted to the Traders' Hotel by the local committee, a feature of the escort being horsemen mounted on sixteen white horses and one yellow. Chairman Edmundston, John T. Davis and John T. McGraw occupied carriages with the nominee. After breakfast Mr. Bryan was escorted to the fair grounds by the horsemen. A big crowd was already there, for Congressman McMillen, of Tennessee, delivered a speech at 9 a. m., before Mr. Bryan arrived.

William J. Bryan left Grafton on a special train at 9 30 a. m. and arrived here some hours later. He spent the night at Grafton at the residence of J. T. McGraw, National committeeman from this State, and managed to get a good rest. Mr. Bryan had a narrow escape from being robbed of his sleep. Two photograph fakirs were taken into custody at Grafton on suspicion of being connected with the gang of pickpockets following the Bryan party. One of them said he had presented a letter of introduction to Mr. Bryan and wanted the candidate summoned to identify him. The hearing lasted until 4 p. m. At that hour it was decided that if Mr. Bryan was detained as a witness his West Virginia schedule would be disarranged and the men were released with personal recognizances. Mr. Bryan and his party had breakfast at the Traders' Hotel here. Despite the continued bad weather there was a big crowd in the streets. The candidate was persuaded while at the hotel to make his appearance on the balcony, where he made a short speech to six hundred enthusiastic people.

At 11.30 the special train pulled out for Parkersburg.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA., October 1.—The largest assemblage of people ever known here heard Mr. Bryan deliver an address this afternoon at Stevens' Grove. Excursion trains brought in great crowds from nearby places. From Washington county, Ohio, the railroads and steamboats carried perhaps 5,000 people, and from McKinley's State large contingents came. Mr. Bryan proceeded directly from the train to the grove, where 15,000 people gathered in an uncomfortable drizzle and cheered him wildly.

Gov. William McCorkle, of West Virginia, and Gen. A. J. Warner, of Ohio, President of the National Bimetallic League, had made speeches before the Democratic candidate arrived. Judge McClure, formerly of the Court of Common Pleas, presided at the meeting, and introduced Mr. Bryan. There was more wild cheering when the candidate stepped forward. He spoke in part as follows:

"Ladies and Gentlemen—Let me state two or three propositions for you to consider in the discussion of the money question. There are those who do not want to see money brought into the country, and it is they who have control of legislation; they so legislate as not to create a large amount of money. They want less money because these money owners profit by a rising dollar. I have somehow faith in the better nature of some people who are now against bimetallism that they are in absolute ignorance of the misery which their conduct is causing, and yet I do not understand how in the midst of a great struggle like this, our opponents can keep themselves ignorant of so great a subject and continue blind to the results of the gold standard." (Cheers.)

At 4.30 o'clock, two hours after his arrival here, Mr. Bryan left Parkersburg over the Ohio river railroad tracks in another special train. It consisted of the private car "Governor McCorkle," with the gentleman after whom it was named in charge, and two other coaches. Just before the train drew out a bevy of pretty young women boarded the car and were presented to Mr. Bryan. He told them this was the twelfth anniversary of his marriage, and the ninth anniversary of his arrival in Nebraska. Mr. Bryan said that he regretted very much that he was not able to celebrate the day at his home.

WHEELING, W. VA., October 1.—The trip of candidate Bryan along the banks of the Ohio river began at Parkersburg and Wheeling, and was marked by demonstrations at Sisterville and New Martinsville, the only stops. At Sisterville, the crowd at the station numbered about 300 people. They cheered for Mr. Bryan as he appeared on the back platform, and when the regulation brass band had finished playing, he made a short speech, which contained nothing new. The gathering at New Martinsville was composed of about 1,500 people. They showed considerable enthusiasm.

WHEELING, W. VA., October 1.—Wm. J. Bryan has every reason to be proud of the recepsion he received here to-day. Wheeling celebrated his presence with great enthusiasm, pyrotechnics galore and a gathering of humanity that has never before been seen within the borders of the city. Ohio joined with West Virginia in the demonstration made. From Steubenville came many excursionists, including the members of two free silver clubs. One of these organizations was called the Republican Free Silver Club and claimed 4,000 men in line, carrying a transparency sign, "Mark Hanna don't own us." Pittsburg sent fifteen hundred people. The vast throng on the streets when Mr. Bryan reached Wheeling were unprecedented in this town. How many were in the swarms of humanity along the sidewalks is impossible of estimation, but an idea of their size may be gained from the statement that passage was almost impossible for pedestrians for the dozen blocks over which the street parade passed. The parade was quite imposing with its free silver clubs in uniform and its troops of mounted men. The speaking took place on Wheeling Island, in the Ohio river, and its four bridge approaches, two from the Ohio side of the river and the others from Wheeling, were put to their utmost capacity. At 4 o'clock this afternoon the grand stand on the island, said to hold eight thousand people, was nearly full, and the assemblage gathered in size until by the time Mr. Bryan arrived there the crowd had become a remarkable one in point of numbers. Estimates of its size are as high as 20,000, and it is claimed that 40,000 people were on the streets. Mr. Bryan was wildly cheered when he was introduced by Paul Rayman, a Democrat of local prominence. He concluded at 9.15, and at midnight his special train left for Charleston, where he is to speak to-morrow.

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THE STORM IN FLORIDA

CAUSED RUIN AND DEVASTATION AT MANY PLACES.

High Tides Played Havoc at Tampa—Shipping Buffeted—Turpentine Manufacturers Sustained Heavy Loss—Churches, Mills, Stores and Dwellings Demolished.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SAVANNAH, GA., October 1.—Telegraphic communication between Savannah and Florida has not been re-established since the hurricane of Tuesday snapped the wires as it came rushing northward from the Gulf.

The advices which have reached here of the storm's work in Florida cover the State pretty fully, but have come by mail. The blow came ashore from the Gulf on the coast line extending from Tampa to Cedar Keys, Tampa getting only the southern edge of the blow. Its path across the State was a narrow one, though a large area seems to have been affected, in greater or less degree, by what might be called the edges of the storm. The registry of the velocity of the wind at the Government Weather Bureau at Jacksonville showed the remarkable and unprecedented record of nearly 100 miles an hour. This terrific gale fortunately lasted only about a minute, but for five minutes of which it was a part, the velocity was shown to be rather more than 70 miles an hour.

The path of the greatest severity of the storm seems to have been not more than about forty miles wide. After passing over a strip of territory lying within the northern part of the State, the storm, according to the weather authorities, passed on to the Atlantic coast, which it followed north.

The storm passed around Tampa and there was but very little damage resulting from the wind, but the high tides played havoc and several thousand dollars damage was done to property along the bay. Shipping along the river front suffered considerably.

The tide overflowed Port Tampa City and the lower floors of many houses were under water.

At Jacksonville the damage was confined to the demolition of trees, electric wires and signs.

At Newberry the damage consisted of destruction of nearly one-half of the property. The wholesale and retail store of Williams Bros., containing a stock of goods valued at $15,000, was blown down and most of the goods ruined. A phosphate plant was demolished, and some horses were killed.

At Gracy, the saw-mill plant of Gracy & McDonald, the largest in this part of the State, is a complete wreck and thousands of acres of timber lands are destroyed.

The heaviest losers are the turpentine manufacturers. Those heard from report a total loss and say that they will be compelled to go out of the business. All of the trees are down and it is impossible in many places to ride through the woods even on horseback. The loss to timber interests will reach $500,000. The Cummer Wood and Timber Company will be the heaviest losers. It will cost the county several hundred dollars to clear the roads of trees.

Callahan reports that barns, sheds, a number of dwellings and two churches are entirely torn to pieces. The Savannah, Florida & Western Railway buildings were unroofed. The box cars were blown from the side track and got on the main line and went two or three miles before stopping. As near as can be estimated, the loss will amount to $2,500.

At McClenny, the Baptist church and one of the largest stores were blown flat upon the ground; the principal boarding house was unroofed; the county jail suffered the same fate; a number of small dwelling houses were razed. Others were blown from their foundations. Not a fence was left standing.

At Zainesville, a building erected by D. E. Cooper for a mill, but which was full of furniture, was totally destroyed, and a warehouse was demolished. A negro church was turned over on its side, and four negroe huts were blown down.

At Branford, the Presbyterian and Methodist churches were blown to the ground. The Drew Lumber Company's mill is a wreck. The roof was blown from Gilbert's mill, and about one-third of the roofing was blown from the Plant system depot. Many outhouses and negro dwellings were unroofed or blown down. The store of W. Williams, general merchandise, was badly wrecked.

At Lake Butler, seventeen miles west of Starks, Odam Bros' and Thomas & Sons' stores were wrecked and the goods badly damaged. The Baptist Church and the court house was blown down McKinley's gin house was blown down, and the cotton scattered.

Fort White caught the full force of the storm. Nearly every store and dwelling was more or less damaged. The Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches were demolished. They were valued at $1,250, $900 and $500 respectively. The Plant system depot was unroofed. The losses to the merchants on their stocks and buildings range from $200 to $1,200 each.

High Springs claims that the air monster scorched through the town at the rate of 100 miles an hour. Trees and houses went down like cardboards, and only half a dozen houses are left to point out to the investigator a once prosperous town. Women had children blown out of their arms and men were knocked down like nine-pins. The freight depot, used as a refuge by many, was partly demolished, and refuge was sought in box cars on the track. Among the casualties were the loss of the Higden Hotel, one of the largest buildings in the town. The new passenger shed of the Plant system was demolished. The building had just been completed and the new building for the general office had all the windows blown in and was flooded. About twenty smaller stores were partly wrecked. Part of the new Plant system hospital was unroofed.

How much damage was done at Cedar Keys has not been learned at Savannah yet. It is not probable, however, that the storm proved more destructive there than at other points in the State. Other towns in Florida felt the force of the blow, but the damage done was trivial. None of the famous large hotels suffered to an extent worth mentioning, and it is believed here that the above story covers the path of the blow in the State so fully that there is very little left untold.

FREIGHT TRAIN WRECKED.

The Entire Train Crew and Two Passengers Killed.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PITTSBURG, PA., October 1.—Freight train No. 74 was derailed at Filson, a station near Sand Patch, on the eastern slope of the mountains on the band of railroad at 1.15 o'clock this morning. The entire train crew, consisting of engineer, fireman, conductor, two brakemen, and a flagman, and two tramps, who were stealing a ride, were killed. Thirty-four cars which were loaded with coal, together with the engine and the caboose, were piled up on the track, and traffic both East and West is entirely shut off.

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MANY PERSONS INJURED

By the Collapse of a Stand at Semi-Centennial Celebration of Iowa's Statehood—Vice President Stevenson Among the Sufferers.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BURLINGTON, IOWA, October 1.—The semi-centennial celebration of Iowa's Statehood opened to-day in a blaze of glory. The parade was the grandest ever seen here, and was witnessed by 25,000 people. Gov. Drake and Vice President Stevenson rode near the head of the column, followed by the Governor's staff. A full batallion of the Iowa National Guards headed the column. Floats representing the progress of Iowa from 1846 to 1896 were in line.

After the parade they proceeded to speak. Scarcely were they seated when the stand gave way with a crash and the entire structure went to the ground, a mass of broken timber. Women fainted and great confusion at once reigned. Gov. Drake and Vice President Stevenson were on the front tier of seats, and were thrown backward upon the others and escaped fatal injury, but nevertheless were badly shaken up and considerably bruised. Ex-Gov. Sherman, of Iowa, was in the rear of the stand, and fell at the very bottom of the mass. He was found with a heavy timber across his legs and a plank resting on his neck and back. He is badly hurt. Maj Wayman, of Ottumwa, Iowa, is injured in the spine, and is paralyzed. How badly he is hurt will not be known for some time. E. S. Barrows, Treasurer of DesMoines, Iowa, may die, both of his legs being broken. LaFayette Young, editor of the Iowa *Capitol*, was badly cut and bruised about the head. City Clerk Fred. Poor was bruised and cut. Miss Mary Lord Drake, the Governor's daughter, was slightly bruised. All of the staff officers suffered more or less. Gov. Drake recovered from his bruises and shaking up sufficiently to deliver a short address this afternoon. Ex Gov. Sherman, owing to his age may be seriously injured, although he claims to be only badly bruised and shaken up. Secretary of State McFarland is injured in the ankle and leg. Senator Kent, of Lee county, head cut. Col. H. Weaver, ankle sprained. Vice President Stevenson's left leg is bruised and his left knee slightly sprained. Mayor Neuman was caught under the pile of boards and was held with one foot between two planks for half an hour before he was rescued. A score or more are nursing bruised heads and shins to-night.

This afternoon State Commissioner P. M. Grape opened the exercises at the Colissum before a vast crowd. He was followed by Gov. Drake, who spoke for forty-five minutes, despite his accident of this morning.

Vice President Stevenson spoke at a banquet given in honor of himself and Gov. Drake to-night.

WILL WATSON RETIRE?

A Populist Leader Says He Has No Chance of Election and Will Come Off the National Ticket.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ATLANTA, GA., October 1.—Thomas E. Watson, who is here to-night, declined to discuss the report that he contemplated retiring from the National Populist ticket. He seems to be sore on the managers of the national campaign for allowing him to be traded off in the fusion between the Populists and Democrats in the several States. He has practically nothing in the States where there has been fusion. The Populists have taken the local nominations and given the Democrats the electoral ticket or a majority of the electors.

In a speech at Stone Mountain, Ga., to-day Mr. Watson defended his course in opposing fusion on the electoral ticket. He said that he had refused fusion with the Republicans in Georgia and in Texas. His reason for so doing was that the Populist party was organized as a protest against the old parties, and fusion would be condoning their faults. "If we were to fuse with either of them, we would thereafter be estopped from attacking them and would have to admit that they were right."

A Populist leader, who is close to Watson, says to-night that Watson has nothing to gain by running, as there is no possible chance to be elected, even if Bryan is elected, and therefore Watson will retire.

THE STORM IN WASHINGTON

Left One Fatality and Probably More in Its Wake.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, October 1.—The southern hurricane which swept over this city with such resistless force left one fatality and probably several more in its wake here. The mangled body of James F. Fitzgerald was dug out of the ruins of Charles Beatty's saloon on Pennsylvania avenue at 8.30 o'clock this morning. Fitzgerald was employed in the navy yard as a skilled mechanic. He was 34 years of age and a native of Maine.

The police believe there are at least two more bodies in the wrecked building in which the remains of Fitzgerald were exhumed. Charles Coleman, colored, a waiter in Kelly's lunch room, has been missing since the storm. He was in the place a few minutes before the crash came and has not been since seen.

As soon as the workmen learned that there were probably others in the ruins they worked with redoubled energy. The police say that the theatres were out at the time the storm broke in its fury, and they believe that others who sought shelter in Kelly's or Beatty's saloons may be entrenched in these great piles of debris.

A BLOODY TRAGEDY

At a Farm House Near Holgate, Ohio.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

TOLEDO, O., October 1.—A special from Holgate, Ohio, says: The home of Mrs. R. P. Ricker, a widow operating a farm near here, was the scene of a bloody tragedy last night. N. E Spellman, the hired man, had been reprimanded by Mrs. Ricker for intoxication, and while her back was turned he beat her daughter, Anna, aged 20, over the head with an iron. The girl died to-day from her injuries. Spellman cut his throat with a razor immediately after the crime, and lived but a short time. He formerly lived at Grafton, W. Va.

A FATAL FIRE.

Hotel and Other Buildings Burned—Three Lives Lost.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

DALLAS, TEX., October 1.—Sixteen business houses in the town of Ladonia, eighty miles north of Dallas, were destroyed by fire after midnight last night. The fire originated in the Ladonia Hotel, and the landlady and two other persons were burned to death. Telegraph lines were burned down and accurate details have not been received here. The loss is estimated in local insurance circles at approximately one hundred thousand dollars.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

ARMENIANS ARRESTED.

Charged With Taking Part in the Revolutionary Movement in Constantinople.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

CONSTANTINOPLE, October 1.—Up to yesterday thirty wealthy Armenians, including one Armenian noble, had been arrested on suspicion of having taken part in the recent revolutionary movement. The general opinion is that these persons are wholly innocent. Considerable excitement was caused in the Yeni Kapu quarter last evening by the explosion of a bomb. The police say the explosion, which did no damage, was the result of an effort on the part of an Amenian woman to get rid of a number of bombs which she had in her possession. She was in the act of throwing the bombs into the sea when one of them exploded and she was arrested.

A cordon of troops has been thrown around the Turkish quarter of Peru zaghal. This action is believed to be a precautionary measure against trouble growing out of the arrest of certain Turks connected with the growing discontent of the Moslems with the present Government.

WARM WIRELETS.

Gov. Bradley has refused to pardon Buford Overton, who is sentenced to hang at Harlan court house, Ky., October 13th.

Mr. Bryan has finished the preparation of his letter accepting the Populist nomination. It will probably be made public in St. Louis.

The steamship City of Topeka has arrived at Seattle from Alaska, bringing $100 000 in gold bullion, mainly for San Francisco.

Mr. Bryan is to speak in Indiana next week. The committee has arranged for meetings in Indianapolis both afternoon and evening.

The steamship Teutonic, which arrived at New York yesterday, brought $2,858,000 in gold. Total arrivals to date $40,544,550.

Senator David B. Hill said yesterday that he had no statement to make public. He refused to talk regarding the present political Democratic situation.

The damage by Wednesday morning's storm at York, Pa., will amount to $300,000. Nearly all the buildings of the York County Agricultural Society were destroyed.

The public debt statement issued this afternoon shows a net increase in the public debt, less cash in the Treasury during September of $1,806 034. Total cash in the Treasury $849 642 772.

Francis R. Lassiter, U. S. District Attorney for the Eastern district of Virginia, has resigned as the result of a disagreement with Attorney General Harmon as to the extent a Government official could engage in active political work.

Reports were received last night of a serious wreck on the Richmond & Danville road near Danville, Va., but no particulars were forthcoming. A wrecking train was sent out from Alexandria. Telegraph wires south of Alexandria are prostrated.

Four days ago Mrs. Minnie Hendricks rode to church at Cairo, Ill., on a bicycle with Alexander S. Frazer, to whom she was married. Yesterday she committed suicide. She had discovered that Frazer was unable to support her and became despondent.

Chairman Buck, of the State Republican party of Georgia, has issued a circular ordering the negroes to vote the Populist ticket in the State election next week. In August the Republicans offered to fuse here in Georgia, but Tom Watson refused.

Mrs. Rosalie J. Anderson, of Richmond, Va., has been awarded a verdict for $17,000 damages against the North Chicago Street Railway Company. During the World's Fair, Mrs. Anderson was injured while trying to board a car. She sued the company for $50,000.

Lansing E. Lincoln, of Buffalo, nominated by the People's party of New York State for Governor, has written a letter declining the nomination. He says that he feels it his duty to vote for the Democratic nominees, and he urges every People's party voter to do likewise.

A SIXTEENTH CENTURY MATRON.

And the Duties That Fell to Her Gentleman Usher In Waiting.

When the lord of Berkeley moved from one of his castles to another, accompanied by his lady, "he was seldom or never attended with fewer than 150 servants, in their tawny cloth coats in summer, with the badge of the white lion rampant embroidered on the left sleeve, and in coats of white frieze, lined with crimson taffeta, in the winter, * * * among whom many were gentlemen and esquires of remarkable families and descent, and of alliance to the house of Berkeley." For the conduct of these esquires and pages, who are under the control of the "gentleman usher in waiting," the Lady Berkeley draws up full and minute directions. The laws for the whole household she has fully entered in the "yoeman's book," which she expects her gentlemen to observe "without any breach or contempt of them," but she thinks good to give them some special rules, that by their "obedience, well behavior tractableness," they may "procure the meaner sort of my servants in calling to amend their faults by their good examples."

When the yeomen of the chambers have done their work, the gentleman usher is to go around, at 8 o'clock in winter and 7 o'clock in summer, or "if strangers be there, then at more early hours," and see that all things in the dining and withdrawing chambers are in fair order and "well set up, according to his lady's former directions set down." The rooms are to be always ready for the entertainment of strangers; he is to see that the great fires of oak logs are burning brightly in winter and in summer; that "the chimneys are trimmed with green boughs, and the windows with herbs and sweet flowers, and the chamber strewed with green rushes." There are minute rules for the attendance of "the gentleman usher and the rest of my gentlemen when I shall walk any way out of the park, as into the fields, or any of my outward grounds. Further, when I do walk in the park, then I do license the gentlemen either to walk, bowl, shoot, or use any other pastime, where I walk in this order. If I do walk in the high walk, then they may be in the lower walk; if I do walk in the lower walk, then they may be in the upper." When my lady walks in "the great garden," she gives gracious license to the gentlemen to be in another part of it, whether she has strangers with her or not.—Longman's Magazine.

The Key of the Bastille.

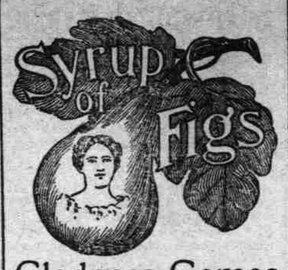
"Where is the key of the Bastille?" is a question asked of newspapers and answered about a half dozen times each year. The answer usually is that it is the property of the Ladies' Mount Vernon association, and that it is kept in a glass case in the old Washington mansion. Such answer would have been correct at one time. However, for many years it has been the property of the Apprentices' library, New York city. It is of gigantic size, being 6 inches long, 2½ inches across the top, or ring end, and 3 inches across the end that slipped into the lock. A look at the old relic is sure to revive what one has read about the French revolution.—St. Louis Republic.

Revenge.

Wife (from the window)—Well, I declare, John, I wouldn't spend time sprinkling the dust in our neighbor's back yard, especially when they are people who talk about us the way they do.

Husband—That's all right, my dear. Their pet poodle was washed this morning. Now he's out there rolling in the mud. Trust your husband, my sweet, for thoughtfulness.—London Tit-Bits.

The world is an old woman that mistakes any gilt farthing for a gold coin, whereby being often cheated she will henceforth trust nothing but the common sopper.—Carlyle.



Gladness Comes

With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills, which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge, that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the one remedy which promotes internal cleanliness without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you purchase, that you have the genuine article, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only and sold by all reputable druggists.

If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, laxatives or other remedies are then not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one may be commended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative, one should have the best, and with the well-informed everywhere, Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and gives most general satisfaction.

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Wanted—A 9-bbl. Turpentine Still Worm, Cap, &c., on easy terms. Address H., care STAR OFFICE. sep 30 3t*

Wanted—Lady and Gentleman can get elegant furnished room and board at No. 314 North Front street. sep 22 1w

The Dairy Restaurant No. 25 Market street is now open. Table first class. Open from 6 a. m. until 10 p. m. Give us a call. aug 15 tf

Wanted—A number of good people to call and see my fine line of Groceries, Watermelons and Cantalopes received fresh from the farm every day. Chas. D. Jacobs, 217½ North Front street. jy 11 tf

Baskets, Vegetable Baskets for the shipment of Peas, Beans, Cucumbers, etc. For sale at Jno. S. McEachern's Grain and Feed Store 211 Market street. c11

Hayden, F. H., has in stock buggies, road Carts and harness of all kinds. Repairing done by skillful workmen on short notice. Opposite new Court House c11

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

Misses Burr and James

WILL RESUME THEIR SCHOOL DUTIES at their residence No. 224 North Third street, on MONDAY, OCTOBER 5th.

Instruction thorough and terms reasonable. sept 29 2t tu fr

122 and 124 W. Franklin St., BALTIMORE, MD.

Edgeworth Boarding and Day School

for Young Ladies will reopen Thursday, Sept. 24th, 34th year. MRS. H. P. LEFEBVRE, Principal. jy 22 2m* wed sat

Notre Dame of Marvland.

College for Young Ladies and Preparatory School for Girls. Regular and elective courses. Music and Art specialties. Conducted by School Sisters of Notre Dame. Charles St Ave., Baltimore, Md. jy 12 2m* wed sat su

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE

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58th Year. State Military, Scientific and Technical School. Thorough Courses in general and applied Chemistry, and in Engineering. Degrees conferred in course. Grad. V. M. I., and Bachelor Science: in Post Grad. courses, Master Science, Civil Engineer. All expenses, including clothing and incidentals, provided at rate of $36.50 per month as an average for the four years exclusive of outfit.

GEN. SCOTT SHIPP, Superintendent. sep 1 7t tu th sa

SUMMER RESORTS

SPARKLING CATAWBA SPRINGS.

For Thirty Years the Favorite Resort of the People of the Cape Fear Section.

OPEN JUNE 1st.

These justly celebrated Springs of North Carolina are beautifully located in the shade of the Blue Ridge—climate delightful, waters eminently curative for

Dyspepsia, Liver Disease, Vertigo, Spinal Affections, Neuralgia, Rheumatism, Scrofula, Gravel, Diabetes, Kidney Affections, Chronic Cough, Asthma, Insomnia, Debility and Skin Diseases.

Hotel refitted and in good order. Write for terms.

Dr. E. O. Elliott & Son,

Sparkling Catawba Springs, N. C. je 11 tf

CANDY

125 Pails Mixed CANDY.
175 Boxes Stick CANDY.
10 Barrels Stick CANDY.
115 Boxes Penny CANDY.
125 Cream CHEESE.
25 Barrels APPLES.
150 Boxes CHEWING GUM.
140 Boxes MATCHES.
250 Boxes SNUFF.

W. B. COOPER.

sep 27 tf Dew Wilmington, N. C.

Combination Bicycle

FOR SALE.

A Combination "Crusader" Bicycle, for either lady or gentleman. Cushion Tires. Brand new. Will be sold cheap. Call in person, or address M., at

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The Undersigned

WOULD RESPECTFULLY REMIND HIS friends and the public generally that he is still doing business at the old stand, No. 11 South Front street, where they are invited to call when in need of any work in the Tonsorial line.

Respectfully, A. PREMPERT.

sep 18 tf

Magnificent Street Parade. Big Show. Fine Horses

Coming to Wilmington, Monday, Oct. 12th,

On its Own Great Trains, Drawn by its Own Powerful Locomotives. The Biggest, Greatest, Grandest, Mightiest Circus of them all.

Walter L. Main's

3 Ring Circus, 5 Continent Menageries, Real Roman Hippodrome and Original European Trained Wild Beast Show in the Circular Steel-Barred Ponderous Cage.

THE MIGHTY BOVALAPUS!

The Ocean's Awful Treasures. The most frightful, uncouth, horrible, horn-bearing, cloven-hoofed denizen of the trackless and treacherous deep.

100 Rightly Renowned, Astounding Circus Artists in a hundred and a Half Astounding Acts.

John Lowlow,

America's oldest and best known Singer and Talking CLOWN, appears at each performance.

CANANDAIGUA, the Smallest Pony Colt in the World, born August 5th, 1896, weighed 8¼ pounds, 11 inches high, 18 inches from tip to nose to end of tail.

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The highest and longest dive in the world will take place at the Circus Grounds free at 11½ and 5½ o'clock.

20 Open Dens of Wild Beasts! 5 Bands of Music!

Silver Cathedral Chimes, Steam Calliope, Gold and Silver Chariots and Band Wagons, Miles of Splendor and Wonder, every entry morning at 10 o'clock sharp, TWICE DAILY, free to all! High dive 10.30 a. m. and 6.30 p. m

CHEAP EXCURSIONS on all lines of travel. ONE TICKET ADMITS TO ALL. Doors open at 1 and 7 p. m. Performance at 2 and 8 p. m., rain or shine. Bicycles checked free.

Tickets on sale at H. J. Gerken's Cigar Store day of performance.

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WE ARE RECEIVING DAILY

Our New Fall and Winter Stock of

Dress Goods and Carpets.

OUR CARPET STOCK

THE MOST COMPLETE EVER SHOWN IN THIS CITY.

Special attention paid to making and laying Carpets, &c.

Do not fail to visit us on WINDOW SHADES. Made to order at short notice.

The Only House Showing New Dress Goods This Week.

C. W. Polvogt & Co.,

Successors to Katz & Polvogt,

No. 9 North Front St.

sep 20 tf

Matting, Matting!

We have it in large quantities, and the price is cheaper than you ever saw it. We have received by last steamer 188 rolls of assorted styles and colors A very heavy Matting, 1 yard wide, at 10c. A heavier Matting at 12½c. Seamless Cotton Warp at 15c. Very heavy seamless, in splendid colors, at 18c. Fine Matting for parlor use, light grounds with the dark, at 20c. Hall Matting, the heaviest and finest Matting we ever saw, for 3½c per yard. If you are thinking of buying Matting see ours before you buy.

CARPETS! CARPETS!—We want to close out all our Carpets. Cash sales. We will allow a discount of 20 per cent. We have decided to sell out all of our entire stock of Carpets at this discount. Our prices were always lower than other merchants, and now they are one-third less. A Heavy Hemp Carpet, ⅝ yard wide, at 13c; 1 yard wide at 15c and 20c; Cotton Carpet, pretty colors, at 25c; One-half Wool Ingrains, very heavy and nice, at 39c; All Wool Ingrain at 50c; Fine Tapestry Brussels at 43, 50, 60 and 69c per yard.

RUGS—Rugs of all styles; 36 by 72 inches at 39c each. Smyrna Rugs we have been selling at $2.50, 2½x5 feet, now at $1 90. The best Smyrna Rugs, 36x72 inches, worth at our closest price $4.35, now at $ 25. We mean to do what we say. We have got the run of the trade on this class of goods and we mean to hold it. Give us a look if you want to buy, and