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## NEWS AND COMMENT.

### The Weather.

Indications for North Carolina—Fair, except rain on the coast; slightly cooler in the interior; variable winds.

Senator Edmunds recently made the following remarks expressive of his opinion of Jim Blaine: "I am not taking any interest in Mr. Harrison's cabinet and I will take no interest in his administration. He assured me yesterday that he intended to make Mr. James G. Blaine secretary of state. I don't think that an administration in which Mr. Blaine is a central figure can possibly be respectable. I do not believe that Mr. Blaine is an honest man, and I feel certain that an honest man should not place him in a position of respectability."

Senator Frye says that if he had the appointment of a special envoy to the Samoan conference in Berlin he would select General B. P. Butler. "While he may be a Democrat," says the Senator, "General Butler is probably one of the few men whom Bismarck could not get away with. Nothing would suit the Democrats better than to have the big, burly Ben make the meat of the wily old Prince."

Father Time is the peacemaker of all things. A dinner to the heroic Home Rule leader Charles Stewart Parnell, with two thousand guests and Earl Spencer in the chair, is one way in which London admirers of the Home Rule leader propose to honor him. Ten years ago no half-dozen Englishmen would have been brave enough to sit down to a banquet given to Mr. Parnell.

A Republican exchange speaks the truth when it says that the place-hunters who have invaded Washington are as eager for the scalps of the left-over Republicans as for those of the wicked Democrats. The ins are all rasals in the eyes of the outs, no matter what party they belong to.

The Indiana State legislature passed an election law bill, which was signed by the Governor at its last session. The bill embraces the salient features of the Australian system. Mr. Dudley will find some trouble in making his "blocks of five" system work next time.

The appointments being sent to the Senate by President Harrison are taken from that class of political aspirants who would like to have been Cabinet officers, but who, now the Cabinet is formed, will take anything that happens to be lying around loose.

Governor Hill, of New York, denies the report that he intends to be married. That may all be very true, nevertheless David will try and secure an engagement with democracy for the Presidential nomination in 1892.

In a few days Venus, which beamed very brightly in the west between 6 and 8 o'clock last evening, will be as near the earth as her centripetal string will allow her to come. Anon she will speed toward her lord and master, the sun.

The strike of the weavers at Fall River is still on and thus far everything seems to be in their favor. What the State Board of Arbitration, who are now investigating the matter may decide upon remains to be seen.

In the first of the debates of the New England States on the prohibitory amendment question, New Hampshire "goes wet." The Granite State boys don't want to be bound by any ironclad law.

And so a Washburn is to be sent as minister to Switzerland. Administrations may come and administrations may go; but the Washburn family, like the brook, goes on forever.

The remains of John Ericson, the inventor, will be carried to Sweden and a monument will be erected to his memory in the village where he was born.

Indiana people who go to Washington feel so much at home there, that they insist on calling the Goddess of Liberty by her first name.

A San Antonio banker has sent President Harrison a chair valued at \$1,500 made of the horns of Texas cattle. The horns are riveted with gold.

The American base ball players continue to amuse the Lords and Dukes with their clever ball tossing at London.

President Harrison is said to have agreed to go to Atlanta to attend the Interstate Fair next fall.

To-day is the one hundred and twenty-second anniversary of the birth of Andrew Jackson.

### Train Robbers Captured.

Pittsburg, March 13.—A gang of robbers boarded a freight train near Shamokin, Pa., on the Pittsburg and Lake Erie railway last evening and beat brakeman Cleary to insensibility. They were driven off by the other train men, however, before they secured any booty. A special train was telegraphed for and a posse under Lieut. Booker, of this city left for the scene of the attempted robbery. Nine of the men were surrounded near Phillipsburg and captured. They were heavily armed and carried revolvers, knives and black jacks. The party was brought to this city at two o'clock this morning, and lodged in jail. An organized gang is believed to exist along the Pittsburg and Lake Erie road the company has been annoyed by persistent freight car robberies for six months past. Brakeman Cleary is in a serious condition and may not recover.

## CAPT. DAWSON'S MURDER.

### THE TELL-TALE GRAVE BE- NEATH THE STAIRS—A COW- ARDLY ASSASSINATION.

The funeral in Charleston yesterday afternoon—McDow still in jail—Chief Golden's statement—How the News of the Murder Was Received in This City.

By Telegraph to the Citizen.

CHARLESTON, S. C., March 13.—The murder of Capt. Dawson was the most brutal and atrocious ever committed in Charleston. Popular indignation is intense, and all classes in the community stand aghast at the assassination, and would lynch the murderer if they could get him out of jail. The circumstances attending the murder are as follows:

Capt. Dawson left the News and Courier office at half past three o'clock. Some time ago, it had been brought to his attention that one of his domestics, a stranger in America, and one for whose conduct, being employed in an educational and fiduciary capacity, he was responsible, was conducting herself in a manner that demanded his immediate attention. As will appear elsewhere, Capt. Dawson had the best of reasons for calling upon Dr. McDow, which he did at probably about twenty minutes to four o'clock yesterday afternoon. Capt. Dawson, on reaching the office of Dr. McDow, alighted from the street car and entered. He never returned alive. The whole truth of the history of what really occurred in that office in the few fatal moments of the tragedy, will be buried in the grave of Capt. Dawson. Revelations only partially made last night indicate that the death of Capt. Dawson was not only compassed in a brutally murderous manner, but that a futile effort had been made to bury the body of the victim as a secret forever. Dr. McDow, Capt. Dawson's assassin and murderer, was called upon last night in jail, and asked to explain the circumstances of the tragedy. He at first declined to make any statement, but eventually said: "Here it is in a nutshell: 'Capt. Dawson entered my office and used abusive language, and knocked me down with a cane. I got up, and he was about to strike me again, when I shot him.'" Dr. McDow then went on to say that Capt. Dawson was not killed instantly, but that he remained alive for from one half to three quarters of an hour, during which time he, Dr. McDow, remained in the room with the man whose life was fast ebbing away, making up his mind what to do.

But there is the strongest and most convincing proof that McDow remained in the room at least an hour after the death of Capt. Dawson, planning how he might dispose of the body. At the distance of a few feet from the back door of his office, at the end of a passage-way, is a half door opening into a recess under the stairway, which leads to the second story opening into a closet. It is there, or almost absolutely certain that the assassin endeavored, during his long occupancy of the room with the murdered man, to dig his grave, and thus forever bury all proof of his crime with his victim. Certain it is, however, that Dr. McDow, after finding his efforts futile, on account of the soil just noted, determined to set up the plea of self-defense, and went out and delivered himself to Chief Golden.

It was stated that before being taken to the Central station he was permitted to visit one or two lawyers.

Dr. McDow said that he was standing up when he fired the fatal shot, and Capt. Dawson was about to strike him a second time with his cane.

Three things are thereupon quite remarkable. First, that Capt. Dawson could have been shot in the spot where the bullet entered. Second, that if Dr. McDow had been knocked down, he can exhibit no marks of such implied violence. Third, if it were self-defense, why the tell-tale grave beneath the stairs.

Dr. McDow reached the central station at 6:51 p. m., and surrendered to Lieut. Hedge. He was immediately transferred to the county jail. Coroner DeVaux was promptly notified and went up and viewed the body on which a post mortem examination was held by Drs. Middleton and Mitchell.

Coroner DeVaux immediately empaneled a jury, of which Mr. Geo. W. Williams is foreman, which, having viewed the body, adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

All the flags in the city are at half mast, and telegrams of sympathy are pouring in from all parts of the country.

The funeral will be held at the Pro-Cathedral at 4 o'clock this afternoon. All civic and social bodies with which Capt. Dawson was connected will attend. Bishop Northrop will conduct the funeral services.

Dr. McDow when seen last night in jail bore all the evidences of a man afflicted with the consciousness of a crime without an excuse. He was ashen-pale, trembled visibly, and perspiration was thick upon his forehead and face. Among other things, he desired it stated that he had killed Capt. Dawson in self-defense.

Capt. Golden, chief of police, said to a reporter for the News and Courier last night, that the first information that he had received of the murder of Capt. Dawson, was about 0:30 p. m.

Being asked, if he knew anything that might account for the murder, Capt. Golden said, that he doubted whether it would be correct to publish in advance of the inquest, what he knew about the

matter, but finally made the following statement: "On Friday of last week," said he, "Capt. Dawson asked me to come to his office, saying that he desired to ask my advice and assistance. I went to see him, and he then told me that he had a French or Swiss maid servant, and that he had heard that she had been detected in disreputable company. He asked me to detail a man to shadow her and find out whether the reports were true or false, saying that he did not desire a servant about his household who was not honest and upright. I accordingly detailed sergeant Dunn, who, under my instructions, went out yesterday (Monday), morning. Sergeant Dunn reported in writing that the maid had taken an up-town car at Rutledge street, and that he had followed her; that Dr. McDow had also boarded the car and had ridden with her to the upper terminus, and that the two had got out of the car and had strolled around unfrequented streets in the north-western section of the city. All the details were submitted by me to Capt. Dawson this morning. I also told him that he must be careful; that Dr. McDow's reputation was not of the best, and that it would be perhaps as well to take no notice of him. This is all I know about the case. This afternoon about 3 o'clock or a little after, while I was riding around, a policeman on duty in the west end of the city told me that somebody had heard the report of a pistol shot in Rutledge street near Full street. It occurred to me that perhaps something was wrong and I rode around, rang the bell of Dr. McDow's residence and asked if anything was the matter. I was told that there was nothing the matter and then went off. Thinking there was something wrong I rode down to the office of the News and Courier to see Capt. Dawson. I found that he had left for home shortly after 3 p. m. I asked one of the clerks to telephone to his residence and ask if he had reached home. The answer was that Capt. Dawson had not come home. This rendered me still more suspicious, and I immediately went up town again. Arrived at the station house I found that the report had been sent in that there was trouble in Rutledge street. I at once communicated with the mayor, telling him that I suspected foul play, and received orders to enter Dr. McDow's office and ascertain the truth of the matter. In the meantime, about 6:30 p. m., Dr. McDow had come to the station house and surrendered himself, saying that he had shot Capt. Dawson."

HOW THE NEWS WAS RECEIVED IN ASHEVILLE.

Great consternation was produced in the city yesterday upon reading the announcement in the CITIZEN of the murder of Capt. Dawson by McDow. A great many people here knew the murdered editor and remembered the great interest he had taken in Asheville's growth and development. Only words of highest praise of Capt. Dawson as a man and as a journalist were heard, and bitter regret that he had fallen as he had, at the hands of a coward and scoundrel was freely expressed. The South Carolinians resident in the city were much wrought up over the sad occurrence, expressing in terms of unmitigated sorrow the grief they felt at the taking away of one who had been such a friend to them and their State in the days that were dark and gloomy. A Citizen representative interviewed several of these gentlemen and obtained the following expressions:

W. E. Breese—I regard the death of Capt. F. W. Dawson as the greatest loss Charleston, South Carolina and the south has had in years. He was the most enlightened and successful journalist south of Mason and Dixon's line and his loss cannot be repaired. He was a pure, honest, virtuous and chivalrous gentleman whom people delighted to honor. The news of the murder was a shock to me, and it was sometime before I could realize that the brave and gallant Dawson was no more.

J. P. Arthur—Capt. Dawson was one of the leading men of South Carolina, and none was more active in the support of the institutions of South Carolina than himself. He has benefited the State more than any man within its borders. His murder is a most outrageous affair.

E. Strauss—A nobler man than Capt. Dawson never lived. His death is a serious blow to the State, and his murder is one which the people of the South will deeply mourn.

E. I. Holmes—I was shocked to read the telegram this morning. It was an outrageous affair. Capt. Dawson was a noble man, and had done much for Charleston and South Carolina. His death is a great blow to the State.

S. D. Pelham—I think nothing is to be more deplored by Charleston, South Carolina and the entire South than the murder of Capt. F. W. Dawson. No man within my knowledge wielded an equal pen of influence in our fair Southland—his adopted home. A gentleman, a scholar, a silver-tongued orator. His death is to be deplored by the people of the South. An outrageous murder.

R. K. Rawls—I regard the death of Capt. F. W. Dawson as a great calamity to the State of South Carolina and the South. He was a brilliant journalist and conducted one of the most dignified newspapers in the Union.

R. T. Owen—The murder of Capt. Dawson is a shocking affair. He was a noble gentleman, a true Southerner at heart, and a great friend to the poor, who will miss his kind charity, and honest treatment.

C. T. Rawls—Capt. Dawson's death is

a great loss to the entire South—particularly Charleston and South Carolina. He did a great deal for the State, and could always be relied upon. Capt. Dawson was a gentleman, generous, chivalrous and brave. His murder is a terrible affair.

D. W. Chandler—I admired Capt. Dawson. He was a thoroughly moral man, a perfect gentleman and a great friend to the South. His many acts of kindness to the poor people of Charleston will not be forgotten with his death. He was a shrewd politician, a good business man, and his murder is a sad and irretrievable blow to the future prosperity of Charleston and the entire State.

J. B. Steele—I knew Capt. Dawson well, and I consider his death the greatest loss South Carolina has ever known. She could have afforded to lose any one within her borders better than Dawson. He was a great reformer, and his reforms did not stop with the abolition of dueling, but extended to the purification of the ballot-box. He was virtuous, moral, gentle, chivalrous and brave. His murder was a most outrageous affair.

E. Coffin—I regretted exceedingly to read the telegram in the Citizen this morning announcing the murder of Capt. Dawson, as I consider that the State of South Carolina has lost an unusually valuable and energetic citizen. He used the News and Courier often in the public interest of the State. Among the things I admired in him was his criticisms in the News and Courier, concerning the treatment of convicts some years since.

J. M. Loric—The death of Capt. Dawson is the greatest loss the State of South Carolina has ever suffered. A very good man in every respect. The murder was an outrageous and uncalled for one.

THE CORONER'S JURY TO MEET AT 11 O'CLOCK TO-DAY.

The coroner's jury in the Dawson murder case will not meet until 11 o'clock to-morrow when a thorough investigation of the crime will be made. Dr. McDow is in jail and under the advice of his counsel, ex-Governor Magrath, will not speak of the circumstances attending the bloody deed.

Geo. W. Williams is foreman of the coroner's jury, which is composed of prominent men. McDow's house is in the hands of the police. After the murder was committed McDow's wife, with whom he had a serious quarrel on the day of the tragedy, fled from the house, taking her baby with her.

The police have positive proof of McDow's illicit connection with Captain Dawson's maid. He and she were traced by a detective to an assignation house where they remained for an hour or two. The maid is still in Capt. Dawson's family, and her mistress is not inclined to believe her guilty as charged.

Messages of sympathy have been pouring in to Mrs. Dawson from all parts of the country.

Ex-President Cleveland telegraphed, "I am shocked by the death of your husband, and I sadly tender you my heartfelt sympathy and condolence."

Gov. Fitzhugh Lee, of Virginia, sent the following telegram to Mrs. Dawson yesterday: "Capt. Dawson was a member of my staff during the war. His courage on the field of battle and his conscientious and intelligent discharge of duty will ever be remembered by me."

The funeral this afternoon was attended by an immense crowd representing all classes of the community. A pitiful rain fell the whole day. Flags all over the city were displayed at half-mast, and business was partly suspended in the principal streets. Members of the editorial, reportorial and business staff of the News and Courier acted as pall bearers.

Affairs in Hayti.

By Telegraph to the Citizen.

NEW YORK, March 13.—Steamer William Caspary arrived from Gonaves, Hayti, to-day. She reports that on February 28, the gun boat Desalines, of Legitime's gun, arrived off the port and opened fire on both forts at the entrance of the port. Cannonading was continued for two hours but no particular damage was done. The forts returned the fire, and in a short time Desalines put out to sea. The supposition is that three well directed shots from the fort struck the steamer. The general belief is that the Desalines has been sunk with all on board. The Desalines foundered, it is said, off St. Marks on the 26th. An order was received by a messenger from the minister of war at St. Marks to send out 300 troops to join a similar number which left St. Marks to attack the southern people. Sixty of Legitime's forces tried to cut off connection between these two bodies but they were driven back to Grandeslides. A number of prisoners were taken and some arms, mostly rifles, were captured. On the evening of the 27th at 8:30 o'clock a great fire was seen from the town. It was southward and turned out to be Grandeslides in flames. The fire was started by the southern people, who at once abandoned the place. It appears that on the southern army getting possession of Grandeslides they treated the people very badly, particularly the women and children.

Many Lives Lost in a Colliery Explosion.

By Telegraph to the Citizen.

LONDON, March 13.—A terrible explosion occurred in Brynall colliery at Wrexham to-day, resulting in a great loss of life. Eleven dead bodies have been taken out, and three miners have been rescued.

## NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED.

### WALKER BLAINE LEGAL AD- VISER OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

The Senate holds a short session in which but little business is disposed of—Nominations sent in for confirmation—Bond offerings aggregate \$125,000.

By Telegraph to the Citizen.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—SENATE.—A resolution authorizing the committee on coast defenses to sit during recess, and to employ a clerk, was introduced and referred to the committee on contingent expenses. A like resolution as to a committee on privileges and elections was agreed to. Resolutions offered by Stewart for the purchase of \$4,000,000 of silver bullion per month for coinage, and senators Gibson and Call for special committees on the commercial relations of the United States with Mexico and with Cuba and the West India Islands were laid on the table for the present. The Senate then at 12:15 proceeded to consideration of executive business.

After remaining in session an hour, during which time the reports were received from the committees upon the nominations sent in yesterday, the Senate took a recess till 2:15, and at 2:25 adjourned.

### NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED.

The Senate has confirmed the following nominations: A. C. Mellett, Governor of Dakota; L. B. Richardson, secretary of Dakota; Cornelius H. Hanford, of Washington Territory, chief justice supreme of the Territory of Washington; George W. Irwin, of Montana, marshal of United States for the Territory of Montana; Simile N. Chambers, of Indiana, United States attorney for district of Indiana; Geo. S. Battellor, of New York, assistant secretary of the treasury, vice Hugh S. Thompson, resigned; Albert G. Porter, of Indiana, envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to Italy; Jno. A. Ender, of Illinois, minister resident and consular general of the United States to Denmark; Walker Blaine, of Maine, examiner of claims in the State department.

The confirmation of Walker Blaine was of the usual order and made by unanimous consent probably as a compliment to his father. The position to which he is appointed is practically that of legal adviser or "law officer" of the State department, and its incumbent necessarily occupies especially confidential relations with the Secretary.

### BOND OFFERINGS.

Bond tenders to-day aggregated \$725,000. Accepted \$125,000, four and a-half, at 108.

NOMINATIONS SENT TO THE SENATE.

The President to-day sent the following nominations to the Senate: Mr. Eugene Schuyder, of New York, to be assistant secretary of state vice Geo. L. Rivers resigned; Walker Blaine, of Maine, to be examiner of claims for the department of state, vice Francis Wharton deceased; Cyrus Bussy of New York city, to be assistant secretary of the interior, vice David L. Hawkins resigned.

### The Strike at Fall River Still On.

By Telegraph to the Citizen.

FALL RIVER, March 13.—The third day of the big struggle between the manufacturers and the weavers of this city shows the situation to be practically unchanged, and there are no indications of yielding on either side. About 1,000 looms, the same number as were in operation yesterday, are running and many of the factories have abandoned all attempts to work the weaving departments.

The loom fixers who began to go out yesterday have all left their places to-day and joined the strikers. They refuse to weave and many of them were discharged in consequence. The State board of arbitration has arrived and is inquiring into the matter. The same quiet order which has characterized the strike all along prevails this morning and no special police are detailed for duty.

### The Sun's Cotton Review.

By Telegraph to the Citizen.

NEW YORK, March 13.—The Sun's cotton review to-day says: Futures were lower and dull during the morning hours, owing to a decline at Liverpool and full receipts at New Orleans and Galveston, and at northern ports receipts were quite small, reflecting a falling off in the over-land movement, and stocks at interior towns showed a marked reduction, and after last call there was recovery of two or three points, with firm closing.

### Death of Charles F. McCoy.

By Telegraph to the Citizen.

BALTIMORE, March 13.—Prof. Chas. F. McCoy died somewhat suddenly at noon to-day, at his home in this city. He was born in Northumberland, Pa., in March 1810, and went to Georgia, when twenty years old. He lived there until 1869, when he came to Baltimore. Prof. McCoy was at one time President of the Georgia University at Athens, which institution he has endowed. His body will be taken to Georgia for interment.

### Inviting the Chinese.

By Telegraph to the Citizen.

## THE LEGISLATORS.

### A Drive in the Morning and a Banquet at Night.

According to program the legislators and their friends remaining in the city yesterday morning were taken in charge through the principal streets of the city and to points of interest surrounding Asheville. They were delighted with what they saw, and expressed themselves enthusiastically regarding the scenery and geographical location of the city. In the afternoon they strolled about the city, making acquaintances and otherwise employing their time until 0:30 o'clock when they assembled at the Swanman hotel, where a

### BANQUET IN THEIR HONOR.

Was given at ten o'clock. About sixty members were present, each one accompanied by a citizen who did all in his power to make the evening one of pleasure to the invited guests. The spread was admirably gotten up by chef Howard, and consisted of all the delicacies of the season.

Mr. George S. Powell presided over the festive board, and made the announcements of the evening in a graceful and eminently able manner.

Capt. Atkinson made the address of welcome which was eloquently responded to by Mr. Beddingfield, of Wake.

Following was the toast "North Carolina," proposed by Col. A. T. Davidson in his happiest style. Senator W. H. Lucas, of Hyde, responded in an elegant little talk of five minutes, which was received with much applause.

"The women of North Carolina," proposed by Mr. Henry Hardwicke, was responded to in a chaste and elegant speech by Representative John R. Overman, of Wayne.

Presiding officer Powell then announced that voluntary toasts were in order, and Messrs. King, of Pitt; Franks, of Macon; W. T. Crawford, of Haywood; General Cleggman, of Asheville; Mr. D. C. Caddell, of the Raleigh News-Observer; Judge Jno. Gray Bynum, of Morganton; M. E. Carter, W. E. Breese and J. S. Adams, of Asheville, made entertaining addresses which were applauded and received with much good will.

The liquid refreshments consisted of huge bowls of superior punch which was partaken of with much zest. The banquet was a decided success, and we are sorry, indeed, that the entire delegation were not present to enjoy an Asheville welcome.

There was much regret expressed by the members present that certain of their number had left the city, without giving the people of Asheville an opportunity to assure them of their appreciation of the honor conferred by their presence.

### All-America Wins.

LONDON, March 13.—The game of baseball between the Chicago and all-America teams was played on the Lords cricket ground to-day. A large crowd witnessed the game which resulted in a victory for the All-America Club, the score standing All-America 7, Chicago six.

The American baseball teams drove to the House of Commons to-day in two brakes. They were stopped at the gates by the police, but when it had been explained that the speaker had made arrangements for them to visit the House in a body they were allowed to pass, while the secretary of the American legation and the secretary of the speaker showed the visitors through the house of Lords the house of commons and crypt. Subsequently from the gallery they listened to a speech by Sir William Vernon Harcourt and others. The Dean of Westminster has invited the teams to be present at a special service in the Abbey on Sunday. White has applied to the Master of the Horse for a special permit to visit the Queen's stables. The men are amused with the London sights and are delighted at the urbanity displayed yesterday by the Prince of Wales.

### Three Boilers Explode.

By Telegraph to the Citizen.

READING, Pa., March 13.—A nest of three boilers at St. Nicholas colliery, near Mahoney City, exploded at 11 o'clock this morning with terrific effect. One of the boilers was blown 100 yards. Another was blown through a blacksmith shop, and the other was blown into fragments. The boiler house and blacksmith shop were wrecked. Mrs. Louisa Hoffman, with her child in her arms, was passing at the time, and a fragment of iron broke her hip and killed the child.

James Delaney, a driver, passing with his team, had his skull fractured. Michael Warren, a lad of 13 years on the same wagon, had his thigh broken and leg crushed. Edward Setzer, painter, had his skull crushed. Patrick Wanner and Edward Watts were terribly injured by flying pieces of iron. Others were scalded and injured, but their names were not learned.

### New Hampshire Goes Wet.

By Telegraph to the Citizen.

CONCORD, N. H., March 13.—An emphatic vote against the prohibitory amendment yesterday is a source of much surprise among the friends and opponents of the measure. Returns are yet very indefinite, but it is believed that the majority against the amendment exceeds 5,000. All the other amendments have been adopted, with the possible exception of the sixth, making the bill of rights non-sectarian by striking out the words "protestant and evangelical." Further returns may show that it has been carried.

## NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

### Speculation Yesterday Among the Bulls and Bears of Wall Street.

By Telegraph to the Citizen.

NEW YORK, March 13.—The stock market to-day was dull and heavy, and prices to-night are generally fractionally lower than last night. Notwithstanding the long deferred acceptance of the chairman ship of the inter-state association by Mr. Walker, which had been looked for as the probable precursor of an upward movement of the market together with buying by London of St. Paul and some other shares, there was a marked disposition to invest on the long side, while the bears were encouraged by the dullness to make another drive at values, and they were aided by the bearish utterances, attributed to Gould, with dissatisfaction over the schedule of prices adopted by the coal sales agents. Uncertainty in regard to the dividend upon St. Paul preferred also was a factor in restricting purchases, and this was not removed until the last hour. Fluctuations in all except a few specialties, which were generally weak, were made within narrow limits, and although the efforts for a decline were persistent, there was no long stock of importance bought, and the net result of the day's transaction is a small fractional decline only. Among the specialties, Pullman was extremely weak, dropping over 4 per cent., but recovering a portion of the loss. Chicago and St. Louis and Pittsburg preferred, San Francisco preferred, Oregon stocks, and some others were prominent for losses incurred on light trading, while Chattanooga rose sharply and is the only stock showing any material advance. The lowest prices of the day generally were reached in the neighborhood of one o'clock. A great majority of the active shares are lower to-night, but the losses are for fractional amounts only, except in the case of Pullman, which is down 1½; while Chattanooga rose 1 per cent. Sales aggregated 199,000 shares.

### About Closed Up.

By Telegraph to the Citizen.

READING, March 13.—The last of the pipe mills of the Reading iron works closed down this afternoon, and now all of the vast establishments of the firm are out of operation excepting two blast furnaces, which have about two weeks stock of coal on hand. Fully two thousand men who had employment ten days ago are now idle. The workmen to whom fifteen days' wages are due, received notice this afternoon that Saturday next they would receive one week's pay.

### The Inman Party in Knoxville.

By Telegraph to the Citizen.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., March 13.—Jno. H. Inman, president of the Richmond Terminal Railroad system, ex-mayor Hewitt and ex-mayor Cooper of New York, John C. Calhoun and other New York capitalists visited Knoxville to-day. The object of their visit is to examine coal mines.

### O'Connor's Bill Rejected.

By Telegraph to the Citizen.

LONDON, March 13.—In the House of Commons to-day O'Connor's bill, relative to political prisoners, was rejected by a vote of 259 to 193.

### Another Strike.

By Telegraph to the Citizen.

BELLEFONTE, Pa., March 13.—The puddlers and helpers in the rolling mill of the Centre Furnace company went out on a strike to-day on account of a reduction of about 10 per cent. in their wages.

### A COLLISION.

By Telegraph to the Citizen.

On the W. N. C. Railroad Near Black Mountain Yesterday.

A collision of freight trains occurred on the Western North Carolina railroad early yesterday morning near the big tunnel on that road. The cause of the collision was due to a misunderstanding of orders on the part of the conductor and engineer on train No. 19. This train should have taken the side-track, but neglected to do so, and train No. 20, running at a speed of twenty miles per hour, was not able to stop up in time, and ran into No. 19 with considerable force.

The engineer, Cushing, of train No. 20, was slightly wounded, and four cars on each train, besides the engines were badly wrecked. Dr. W. D. Hilliard, surgeon of the company at this place left on a special train immediately upon receipt of the news of the wreck to attend upon the wounded engineer.

The loss to the railroad company will not probably exceed \$2,500.

### Glad to See You, Gentlemen.

By Telegraph to the Citizen.

We were pleased to have calls yesterday from J. Milton Brown, of Albermarle, Stanley county; A. K. Smith, of Smithfield, Johnson county; F. S. Johnson, editor of the Press, of Franklin, and Master Henry Bagley, of Raleigh.

### Foster Acquired.