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WASHINGTON NEWS.

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Washington, D. C., May 4.—Much speculation has been indulged in as to which of the Speakership candidates would be the recipient of the votes of the Representatives who belong to the Farmers' Alliance, and whether they would all vote together. The Alliance Representatives have as a rule fought shy of expressing their preferences, if they had any, confining themselves with saying that they proposed supporting the candidate who was willing to make the most concessions to their principles; but Representative Edmunds, of Virginia, who is here for a day or two looking after the interests of some of his constituents, is more outspoken than any Alliance man with whom I have talked. He said: "I am for Crisp. He is one of the ablest men in the House, and he has pre-eminently all the qualifications that should be looked for in the Speaker of the next House." Mr. Edmunds is a democrat, as well as an Alliance man, and he will attend the democratic caucus, and will of course be bound by its decision.

If it be true, as I have been informed, that the liquor dealers of the country propose making an organized fight upon the candidacy of Representative Crisp because of his being a prohibitionist, it is probable that the Alliance men may all be inclined to support him, as nearly all of them are advocates of temperance and natural opponents of the dealers in intoxicating liquors. Still it is a serious question whether any man can be elected who is opposed by the whiskey men, so great an influence do they command in our politics.

The American Medical Association will meet in annual convention here to-morrow. There will be more than a thousand regularly credited delegates and it is expected that there will be about three times as many visiting physicians. The convention will last four days.

Behring Sea has been for several days the subject of many rumors probably because of the fact that the sealing season will be open in a few days. First it was said that Secretary Foster had instructed the commanders of the revenue cutters to seize all vessels caught illegally taking seals; then that England proposed sending half a dozen war ships there for the purpose of forcibly rescuing any vessel sailing under the British flag that might be seized. But little is known positively of the present status of the matter, hence the rumors. The special agents of the Treasury Department have recommended that all sealing be stopped for one or more seasons, to prevent extinction of the seals, and Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British Minister, has intimated that his government would agree to that if the United States would see that its citizens caught no seals. But this proposition is violently opposed by the North American Fur Company, the present lessees of the sealing privilege, which denies that there is a scarcity of seals. Secretary Foster has sent J. Stanley Brown, once the private secretary of President Garfield, to examine and report to him the condition of the seals. Secretaries Blaine and Foster have had several conferences on this matter, and it is said that they are not in entire accord thereon.

The Treasury Department is taking steps to have the new immigration law strictly enforced, and Assistant Secretary Nettleton who spent last week in New York, observing its workings, thinks that it will prove very beneficial by shutting out an undesirable class of immigrants.

The recently concluded agreement, no treaty, as so many newspapers have called it, with Spain, giving us trade reciprocity with Cuba and Porto Rico, is in Mr. Blaine's possession, but it will not be made public until after Mr. Harrison returns. But as it is based upon the reciprocity clause of the McKinley tariff act it cannot differ

materially from the one made with Brazil.

The Farmers' Alliance already has permanent headquarters here, and it is expected that both the republican and democratic parties will shortly follow suit, so that Washington will ere long be the seat of political bustle again.

Secretary Foster says there is no danger of a deficit in the Treasury, and that his decision to continue the four and a half per cent. bonds that will mature next September at 2 per cent. was only because he thinks he can save money for the Treasury by so doing.

FOREIGN NEWS CONDENSED.

All the printers in Rome, Italy, struck last Wednesday and no papers were issued Thursday.

Paris newspapers announce that French troops on the German frontier are being drilled and exercised nightly on an immense scale. Troops are being placed at all points along the frontier which they would have to occupy in an effort to repel a German invasion of France.

The influenza epidemic in England is now ravaging East Kent, both men and horses being affected by it. Reports from all parts of England show that the epidemic is spreading fit and about Leeds, Yorkshire, there thousands of cases.

The flight of Jews from Moscow continues. The expelled Jews are cruelly treated, being marched out of the city afoot, chained in bands by the wrists. The Russians afterward pillage the deserted shops and houses.

Gold closed April 30th at Buenos Ayres at 250 per cent. premium. The examiners' report of the affairs of the National Bank shows a scandalous state of affairs, and its shares have fallen 10 per cent.

The police of Paris on April 30th, in the afternoon, arrested about 300 Anarchists and Socialists as dangerous characters, likely to make a disturbance on May 1st.

A mob in Rome, on May 1st during a speech by an Anarchist, stoned the gendarmes who thereupon fired upon the rioters and the infantry charged upon the houses from which the stones had been thrown. One of the rioters was killed and about thirty others wounded, two of them being members of Chamber of Deputies. One gendarme was killed.

The influenza, or grippe, is spreading in England, in some places with serious results. At Widnes, Lancashire and at Leicester the disease has developed into a dangerous epidemic.

Ten thousand carpenters and joiners in London met Saturday in Hyde Park in support of 4,000 of their number who went out on a strike for higher wages.

Thirty thousand miners and iron workers in the Charleroi district Belgium, have struck work in spite of the manifests issued by the council of working-men urging the men not to go out on a strike.

Cardinal Manning has written a letter denouncing the course of the Panettistes.

Diphtheria is raging in Sagan in Silesia. All the schools have been closed. Twenty school children died of the disease within a few days.

Princess Stephanie, widow of the suicide Crown Prince Rudolph of Austria, is spending much of her time at Monte Carlo. She gives all her winnings to charity.

In consequence of the miners' strike in Westphalia the German Government has placed some orders for coal with agents of American and English producers.

In the Chamber of Deputies, Paris, last Monday, there were exciting scenes occasioned by a demand for a vote of censure against M. Oustrans, Minister of the Interior, on the ground that he is responsible for the slaughter of men, women and children shot down at Fourmies on May 1st. Six women, several children and eight men were killed and twenty others seriously injured by the fire of the troops on that day.

THE STATE CAPITAL.

LEADING TOPICS OF THE WEEK AT RALEIGH.

Raleigh, N. C., May 5.—The colored people have issued a well-timed address to their race in the South, in connection with the negro exhibit at the Inter-State Exposition. It sets forth the fact that the Southern white man is the man who is really aiding the negro, and it calls upon the blacks to show and prove their right to be citizens. This is the proper way to put the case, and the call goes out to-day that the negro, the best laborer for the South must show what he is doing to advance the best interests of the country. The pride of the race must be aroused in the negro. That very object is one of the specialties of such able men as Rev. Joseph C. Price. The negroes will have a special building at the Exposition grounds, with 25,000 feet of floor space.

There is a great deal of talk just now about the "temperance text books" which the last legislature prescribed for the public schools. Some of the people are saying that the lady who made such pretty speeches, etc., pulled the wool over the legislators' eyes and induced them to pass the act, and that she has a copyright on the books in question. The matter ought to be disposed of, for it is certainly causing unfavorable comment and that by some influential people.

President Charles E. Taylor says Wake Forest will receive very nearly \$30,000 as its additional endowment, of this half is coming from Mr. G. P. Bostwick, of New York, next week.

In the death of Capt. E. R. Stamps, who for many years was president of the directors of the penitentiary, the State has suffered a loss. There is little doubt that the worry undergone in connection with the failure of the State National Bank, had much to do with causing his death. He lost all his property by the failure of the bank, of which at one time he was the president.

Auditor Sanderlin, the State officer who is in request as a speaker. About twenty invitations to deliver commencement addresses have thus far come to him, but he could only accept six. He is a fine speaker, with a tendency toward educational topics as his special favorites. Our Secretary of State is also an able speaker, with a voice of grand volume.

The holding of teachers' institutes is temporarily suspended. It is the busy season in the country and hence the suspension, as it always is desired to get a good attendance of the general public. These institutes have done wonders in developing and popularizing the public school system.

The Oyster Commissions, W. H. Lucas, J. A. Holmes and Adam Warner, will make the most earnest efforts to carry out the provisions of the oyster law. Unless these are strictly carried out not much good will result. The law is stringent and that is a necessity.

The News and Observer and the Intelligencer consolidated will retain the name of the former paper. This week's issue of the Intelligencer will be its last. The new paper, if so it may be termed, will have an entirely new outfit, and will in size greatly resemble the Wilmington Messenger.

An interesting case was argued in the Supreme Court yesterday. It was only one of the many phases of a matter which has stirred the town of Henderson for many weeks, and all growing out of the arrest of Col. W. H. S. Burgwyn, a leading citizen of that place, by two men, one named Jenkins who formerly resided there and the other named Hall, who is said to be a Georgia detective. These men arrested Col. Burgwyn in Georgia. Then he had them nabbed and as they could not give \$2,500 bail, Vance county jail they went. They then tried to take the "poor debtors' oath," but the clerk refused to have them released in this way. Judge Whitaker sustained the clerk, and then Jenkins and Hall carried the case to the Supreme Court.

WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY.

HAPPENINGS IN THIS COUNTRY FOR THE PAST WEEK.

Thursday, April 30.

The boiler of a locomotive on the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg railroad, exploded in the yards at Oswego, N. Y., yesterday, killing the engineer, James Cummings, instantly and terribly scalding the fireman.

Chicago grain markets were completely demoralized yesterday owing to rumors of B. P. Hutchinson's disappearance and stories reflecting upon his financial standing.

Chatanooga, Tenn., was visited by a terrible conflagration yesterday morning. The fire commenced at 3 a. m. and burned with the greatest fury for four hours when it was gotten under control. The loss will probably amount to \$250,000. Seventy-five freight cars, fifty of them filled with freight, were burned together with several fine buildings in the business portion of the city.

Henry Bernstein, a wholesale shoe dealer in Mobile, Ala., has failed. His liabilities are estimated to be about \$75,000, and assets between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

Gen. Armistead F. Long, Gen. Lee's Chief of Staff, at the time of the surrender, died at Charlottesville, Va., yesterday.

Friday, May 1.

The official census of Fort Wayne, Ind., makes the population 35,393.

The strike at the Michigan Car Co's shops, Detroit, is practically over. Over 300 of the old employees applied for work yesterday and were assigned to work by Supt. McGregor.

There were 60,449 immigrants landed at the port of New York during the month of April, the highest number for April since 1882. The number landed during April last year was 49,000.

Cashier H. W. Covington's accounts at the Farmers' and Traders' National Bank, Montgomery, Ala., have been found to be \$20,000 short. The amount has been made good by the stockholders, and business will be resumed.

Dr. Joseph Leidy, a prominent physician and scientist of Philadelphia, died yesterday.

Saturday, May 2.

R. G. Dun & Co's weekly review of the past week says: Business is large in volume and sustained by the general confidence as to the future. Trade at most Western and Southern points is encouraging. Better weather helps at all Western points. Trade improving at Louisville, Nashville and Atlanta, with a decided strength at St. Louis. Business barely fair at New Orleans and active at Pittsburg. Failures for the week, 228 against 285 for the corresponding week last year.

Dr. R. C. Goodwyn, alias R. C. Hoston was arrested Thursday in Cincinnati charged by A. M. Brownell, of Richmond, Va., with forging a check upon J. P. Rickman of Hendersonville, N. C.

The total amount of gold ordered for export at New York to-day is \$2,820,000.

It is figured that 4,500 men in different trades went out on a strike for an eight hour day at New York last Friday. Large numbers of carpenters are out for the same reason at Pittsburg and at Chattahoochee, carpenters, painters and boiler makers have struck for higher wages and shorter hours.

Sunday, May 3.

A cotton compress at Cleburn, Texas was burned yesterday with 700 bales of cotton. Sparks from a passing locomotive caused the fire. The loss will amount to \$60,000 on which there is a partial insurance.

It has been ascertained at Borden-town, N. J., that the person who attempted the wrecking of the train

on the Pennsylvania railroad near Yardville on Wednesday, was a 12 year old boy named Harry Waller.

The Masons of Salem, Roanoke county, Virginia, will erect a temple to cost \$40,000.

Sheriff McCormick and deputies evicted fifteen families at Adelaide, Pa., yesterday and on Monday will evict twenty-nine others at Leisenring No. 1.

The funeral of Gen. A. L. Long was held at Charlottesville, Va., at 2 o'clock yesterday. All business was suspended and the funeral was attended by thousands of people, many prominent persons being present.

A disastrous fire occurred at Scranton, Penn., yesterday morning. The Peoples' Street Railway Co's building with twenty-nine electric cars were burned and the Republican building was partially destroyed. The loss will foot up about \$100,000.

Monday, May 4.

Ex-Secretary of War, Taft had another relapse yesterday at his home in San Diego, Cal. and his death is momentarily expected.

Despatches from points in Northern Minnesota and Iowa say that a sharp frost prevailed Saturday night doing much damage to young wheat, oats and the fruit crop.

Messenger boys employed by the Western Union and Commercial Union Telegraph Co's at Portland Me., have struck for an advance in wages from 2 1/2 to 3 cents per message.

One man was killed and one or two others injured by deputy sheriffs in a disturbance which occurred at Leisenring No. 3, Uniontown, Pa., last night. Warrants have been sworn out for the arrest of Superintendent Gray, two bosses and two of the Pinkerton guards charging them with murder.

Sister Mary Agatha Russell, founder of the Convent of the Sisters of Visitation in St. Paul, Minn., and the oldest Visitant in America, died at the Convent in that city yesterday, of old age.

Tuesday, May 5.

Jesse H. Lippincott, New York, sole lessee of the American Graphophone Co., and president of the North American Phonograph Co., has failed. Liabilities unknown at present. He has preferred creditors to the amount of over \$25,000.

One thousand carpenters at Newark N. J. went on a strike yesterday for an eight hour day.

The President and Cashier of the North River Bank, New York City have been arrested charged with falsifying the records of the bank. They were placed under bonds of \$15,000 each.

President Harrison and party arrived at Red Bluff, Cal., yesterday morning on their way to Oregon. They were given a cordial reception.

Wednesday, May 6.

Frost has done great damage in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, Vermont, Indiana and Michigan. Fruit and garden truck is badly injured. At North Troy, Vt., the ground was covered with snow yesterday.

The grand jury at New Orleans finished its deliberations yesterday afternoon and found indictments against six men for jury bribing, one of them being detective O'Malley.

Nebraska's Supreme Court has rendered its decision ousting the Democratic candidate, Boyd, from the Governorship and declaring his opponent, Thayer, as Governor.

The coal breakers of the Kingston Coal Company, at Edwardsville, Pa., together with several boiler and mechanic houses and other buildings, burned yesterday. The loss will be about \$250,000.

A cave-in occurred at McNamara Bros' ore mines, Birmingham, Ala., yesterday, killing two men and wounding three others.

THE CITY ELECTION.

A LIGHT VOTE CAST—A CLOSE CONTEST FOR ALL OFFICES.

Although no formal announcement was made, the republicans had their ticket in the field for the annual election of Mayor and Aldermen, which was held in this city on Monday last. Great interest was shown on both sides, and while everything passed off quietly there was a hustling after votes until the polls closed. Neither side had its full vote out. The following was the vote polled:

For Mayor.

D. I. Watson, Democrat, 102.
M. Ferguson, Republican, 97.

Aldermen.

Moses McKeithan, Republican, 102.
E. A. Grissom, Republican, 101.
Asa Doshier, Republican, 100.
Richard Doshier Jr., Democrat, 100.
William Weeks, Democrat, 100.
A. C. Barreiss, Republican, 99.
E. F. Dashiels, Republican, 99.
E. J. Piver, Democrat, 95.
R. M. Wescott, Democrat, 95.
W. H. Pyke, Democrat, 95.

Their First Meeting.

A called meeting of the newly elected City Council was held on May 5th.

Mayor Watson, announced the election of the following: D. I. Watson, mayor; Wm. Weeks, Richard Doshier Jr., E. A. Grissom, Moses McKeithan, and Asa Doshier, as aldermen.

The newly elected aldermen were then sworn in by the Mayor.

Asa Doshier, as clerk of the previous board read the minutes of the last regular meeting, which were approved.

The Mayor was then sworn in by W. S. Doshier, Clerk of the Superior Court, and then made a short address to the new Board, calling attention to some of the provisions of the city charter.

Charles McDonald, (col.) was then elected constable and tax-collector and D. I. Watson, treasurer.

The Board then decided that the treasurer and tax-collector must each give a justified bond for the amount of \$700.

It was decided to advertise in the LEADER for bids for furnishing material, keeping in repair and lighting the street lamps for one year, bids to be opened May 19th at 8 p. m.

It was further decided that the regular meetings of the Board should be on the first Friday of each month at 8 p. m.

Aldermen Richard Doshier Jr., and Asa Doshier, were appointed by the Mayor to have a room prepared at the Academy for the use of the Board.

The following bills were presented and ordered paid: W. T. Dagggett, \$9; H. E. Phelps, registrar, \$2.75; J. N. Daniel, poll-holder, \$2; H. E. O. Mints, poll-holder, \$2; Whitfield Griffin, poll-holder, \$2; John Evans, poll-holder, \$2. The meeting then adjourned.

Storm at Wilmington.

The Wilmington Star of that city says that a storm of wind, rain and hail, of remarkable severity, visited Wilmington about 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, blowing down trees and fences, unroofing houses and smashing window panes. Almost the entire tin roof of the Industrial Manufacturing Company's building was blown off and other damage done. Rheinstein & Co's wholesale dry goods house had its roof partly blown off; the Diamond saloon had its skylight broken; four hundred panes of glass were broken at the Wilmington Cotton Mills; the stock of clothing in Lee Register's store was damaged by rain; fifty-two window panes broken at Kidder's mill; several telephone poles were blown over. Messrs. Alex Sprunt & Son gave timely aid to the Industrial Manufacturing Co. by furnishing canvas to cover goods exposed to the rain.

The dwelling of Mr. J. Dickson McRae, at Easy Hill, about two miles from the city, was destroyed by fire yesterday about noon. No particulars of the fire were learned. Mr. McRae and wife were on their way to Wilmington when the fire broke out—Wilmington Star.