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WASHINGTON NEWS.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., June 8.—Ex-Congressman Owen, of Indiana, the newly appointed head of the Bureau of Immigration of the Treasury department, created by the bill passed by the last Congress, and of which he was the author, ought certainly to make a good official, as he has for a long time given his attention almost exclusively to immigration matters; but owing to the defective condition of our laws on this subject it is not thought that a great deal can be accomplished at present. The new bureau can at least gather information that will enable Congress to intelligently legislate on this most important subject in the future. Everybody is interested in shutting out the idle, the vicious, the pauper and the unproductive immigrants, and it is only necessary to find a way to do it without injury to the interest of the honest, industrious immigrant who wishes to enjoy the boon of American citizenship, to secure the approval of nine tenths of our people.

The report of Sir Richard Tupper, which has just been published, as to his efforts to bring about trade reciprocity between the United States and Canada, shows him to be much more sanguine of something tangible being accomplished at the conference which is to take place in Washington next October than any one here is.

Why is it that Ohio politics are always bobbing up in Washington? is one of the unanswerable questions. The latest phase, and one which may turn out to be very important, if the statements made concerning it be true, is that two members of the Executive Board of the Knights of Labor, Hayes and Devlin, have notified Mr. Harrison that unless the present chief of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Capt. Meredith, is dismissed, the K. of L. of Ohio will this year take an active part in the Ohio campaign against the Republican party. That the two gentlemen named were here in their official capacity is certain, and it is equally certain that they have preferred charges against Capt. Meredith, and would be pleased to see him removed, but whether they made the threat about going into the Ohio campaign isn't quite so certain, as neither Mr. Hayes nor Mr. Devlin would talk about it. Secretary Foster will, it is expected, this week decide what he will do about the charges against Capt. Meredith. The friends of the latter say that they will be ignored.

Secretary Noble is expected to return to duty this week, and it is probable that we shall soon know whether there is any truth in the constantly reiterated rumors of his intended withdrawal from the cabinet. It is believed here, although it cannot be officially authenticated, that Mr. Harrison is only awaiting the return of Secretary Noble to determine who shall succeed General Raum as Commissioner of Pensions. Gen. Raum still insists that he will not resign unless asked, and that he has assurances that he will not be asked to resign.

The administration may find it as difficult to decide what shall be done with the Chilean insurgent steamer Itata as it was to get possession of her. Secretary Tracy says the courts will decide the question.

Ex-Senator Blair did not exercise much influence in shaping the policy of the republican party when he was a member of the Senate, and his influence is even less now that he is a stranded diplomat, drawing a salary as minister to a country that refuses to receive him; nevertheless it is interesting to note that he gives it as his opinion that the next republican national platform will declare in favor of the free coinage of silver. If Mr. Blair be right, Mr. Harrison will find it mighty difficult to run on that platform. A gentleman fond of asking unanswerable conundrums wants to know what would be the effect of the republican and democratic platforms

declaring for free silver coinage and the respective conventions nominating Harrison and Cleveland, who are both opposed to free coinage?

Secretary Foster has decided that the interest to be paid on the extended four-and-half per cent bonds shall be 2 per cent. The national banks will gladly take them anyway, so that the decision was entirely with the Secretary. But if these bonds were not necessary to them as security for their circulation would the banks be willing to take them at such rates of interest?

To-morrow's session of the Cabinet will be devoted principally to the consideration of the Behring Sea question.

A SEASON OF REVIVAL.

Close of a Great Religious Awakening—The Great Work Done by the Rev. J. W. Lee.

With this morning's meeting at the Methodist Church in this city, will close the series of meetings at this church, which have been held daily for nearly two weeks past, under the able direction and preaching of the Rev. J. W. Lee, of Edenton, N. C. There has never been a religious meeting in Southport, in which so much interest was manifested, an interest not confined to the Methodists alone, but one which has spread throughout the city, and brought forth results, surprising to the most enthusiastic church member. The meetings were at first held at night, but such was the interest, that morning and evening services were held in addition, the attendance being good at day services while at night the church was packed. As the meetings continued, the effect of the work was seen in the activity of those in attendance, members and converts, who not satisfied with having full houses, nightly, visited all parts of the city, exacting promises from every one to attend services, and following them up to see that the promises were fulfilled. With such work and interest displayed, it is no wonder that great good has resulted, and that in Southport to-day, the air seems better, and the tone of men, women and children has put on a more moral and healthier look.

Naturally, at times, there has been more or less religious excitement during the services, which was to be expected, but the effect of this could not be considered in any way injurious or detrimental to the good work of the meetings. The attendance at the meetings was confined nearly entirely to the people living here. Of the converts it is impossible to give the definite number there were probably nearly one hundred, besides many members who have been reclaimed. No idea of Brother Lee's preaching can be put on paper, its effect is seen in the awakening of backsliding church members and new converts. In and out of the pulpit Brother Lee impresses one as a man of force and character, sincere in his utterances and a firm believer in the work in which he is engaged. His sermons from the pulpit were listened to with attention by all, his expressions and thoughts, while at times, perhaps containing a grim humor, were always original, pointed and forcible, impressing his hearers with the importance of the work of saving the world from sin.

On yesterday morning the meeting for "men only," was attended by nearly every man in the place. For the convenience of the clerks, the different stores closed for a few hours in order to give all a chance to attend. The sermon was a strong one, and the effect of it was seen in the deep interest manifested by all present.

Brother Lee can leave Southport with the knowledge and satisfaction of having accomplished great good, with his Church strengthened in number, and inspired with zeal for work. It is to be hoped that the enthusiasm inspired will prove lasting in its results and benefits.

The Rev. Mr. Lee, goes from here with the hearty and best wishes of all and the hope that he may return at some future time.

WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY.

HAPPENINGS IN THIS COUNTRY FOR THE PAST WEEK.

Thursday, June 4.

The beautiful monument erected at Jackson, Miss., to the memory of Confederate dead, was unveiled yesterday. The monument is sixty feet in height and cost \$20,000.

Four thousand, one hundred and thirty-six Italians passed through the Barge office, New York, yesterday and other vessels are waiting to unload about 4,000 more.

Two men were killed and several others injured by the bursting of a steam pipe on board the new cruiser Concord while on her way to Norfolk Virginia.

The Shufeldt distillery's dry house and feed house at Chicago, Ill., were destroyed by fire at 8 o'clock yesterday morning. Loss, about \$100,000.

Sir John MacDonald's condition was much worse yesterday and his physicians think his end is not far off.

A bronze statue of Gen. Grant was unveiled at his old home, Galena, Ill., yesterday, with imposing ceremonies. Many people were present.

Friday, June 5.

Great damage was done at Laporte, Ind., Wednesday evening by a hurricane and hail storm. The King and Fieldes company's woolen warehouse roof was blown off, \$40,000 worth of flannels more or less damaged. The city hall, a church and several store buildings were badly damaged.

Word was received last night at the Navy Department in Washington, D. C. that the insurgent steamer Itata has been peacefully surrendered to a United States warship at Iquique, Chili.

Capt. William Clark, superintendent of the life saving crew at Erie, Pa., was drowned yesterday morning while going to the assistance of the propeller Badger State which had been driven ashore on the beach. The steamer John Craig is also ashore.

A terrible hail storm passed over Clyde, O., Wednesday. Windows were broken, trees, telegraph poles and wires blown down and great damage done to fruits and vegetables.

The Connell, Hall, McLester Co., of Nashville, Tenn., one of the largest dry goods houses in the South, has failed. Liabilities, \$164,000; assets, \$518,000.

Saturday, June 6.

The Mayor of Philadelphia has offered a reward of \$5,000 for the arrest and conviction of Gideon W. Marsh, late President of the Keystone National Bank of Philadelphia, for alleged violation of law.

It is announced at the office of the Churchman, New York, that the Rev. Dr. Phillips Brooks has received the consent of the requisite number of standing committees to his consecration as Bishop of Massachusetts.

R. G. Dun & Co's weekly review of trade says: While the hesitation in business has not ceased, it continues to be a matter of surprise and congratulation that the money markets and trade have been so well sustained. In the Northwest continuous rains have made the prospect unsurpassed. Throughout the West and South fine prospects give encouragement. Failures for the week 211 against 197 for the corresponding week last year.

A German fleet of three corvettes arrived at San Francisco yesterday and after taking on coal and provisions will leave for the Chilean coast.

Sunday, June 7.

Sir John MacDonald the aged Governor General of Canada, died last night at 7.30 o'clock.

Gov. Russell gave a reception at the Parker House, Boston, yesterday to officers and delegates to the International Typographical Union Convention.

Three fellowships of \$5,000 each in

the Harvard Medical School have been established by a gift from Wm. S. Bullard.

The Daniel B. Fearing, a four-masted schooner of 1,171 tons, was launched at Belfast, Me., yesterday.

A large crowd was present yesterday at the Confederate Memorial services held at Stonewall cemetery, Winchester, Va. Rain fell heavily during the ceremonies.

John L. Hammond, President of the Merchants' National Bank, Savannah, Ga., died yesterday.

The Cleveland Hardware Co's works at Cleveland, O., were burned yesterday. Loss \$150,000, insurance, \$100,000.

Monday, June 8.

J. S. Thurber's jewelry store at Clifton Forge, Va., was robbed last night of between \$3,500 and \$4,000 in money and jewelry. No clue to the robbers.

The clerical force of the Census Office within the next seven weeks will probably be reduced about 1,600 in addition to two hundred reductions in salaries which will be made within the present month.

A slight earthquake shock was felt yesterday morning at New Brunswick, N. J. The shock was accompanied by a rumbling sound.

Information has been received at Washington, D. C., that the insurgent steamer Itata landed 5,000 rifles and a large quantity of supplies at Tocopilla before proceeding to Iquique.

The report recently given out that Gen. Longstreet was seriously ill is denied by Mr. Jerome Hill of St. Louis who has received a message from the General saying that he is in excellent health.

Tuesday, June 9.

Henry G. and Frank D. Crenshaw, composing the firm of Crenshaw & Bro., wholesale liquor dealers of Richmond, Va., made an assignment yesterday. Liabilities estimated to be \$17,000; assets unknown.

The indictment against George Gibson, ex-Secretary of the Whiskey trust was quashed yesterday by Judge Blodgett at Chicago. This decision was based on the ground that there is no penalty provided in the U. S. Courts for the crime for which Gibson was indicted.

Sydney Lewis, son of Judge Wilson Lewis, of Harlan county, Ky., has been sentenced at Williamsburg, Ky., to imprisonment in the penitentiary for life for the murder of his father in February last.

Secretary Foster has called upon the President and informed him of the result of his recent conference with the New York bankers and brokers and their professed willingness to take up the entire 4 1/2 per cent. loan if extended at 2 per cent.

Wednesday, June 10.

John Bardsley, ex-City Treasurer of Philadelphia, in court yesterday pleaded guilty to seventeen indictments charging him with loaning money as a public officer, deriving gain from and converting public money to his own use. The total amount of money involved is \$673,405.

R. P. Mayo & Bro's large tobacco factories at Richmond, Va., were partially destroyed by fire yesterday morning. Loss about \$75,000, fully insured.

At Rochester, N. Y., yesterday, Jas. Hughes, secretary of Assembly 231, Knights of Labor, who was convicted last Saturday of extortion, was sentenced to one year in State's prison.

Russell & Co., New York, importers of and dealers in silks, teas etc., from China, have assigned with preferences stated at about \$3,600. Liabilities are at present unknown.

A disastrous wreck occurred Monday on the M. K. & T. railroad between Savannah and Frank, Kansas. Two engines were wrecked, thirty cars were burned, three men were killed and six badly injured.

THE STATE CAPITAL.

LEADING TOPICS OF THE WEEK AT RALEIGH.

RALEIGH, N. C. June 9.—The session of the circuit court here has been extremely interesting, by reason of three important cases. In one of those, in which E. F. Moore, the venerable ex-president of the smashed People's Bank of Fayetteville, was charged with embezzling over \$50,000 of its funds, the grand jury declined to return a true bill. This action created a good deal of surprise, save to Moore's counsel, who say that had a trial been there would surely have been some startling disclosures. It is openly stated by Moore that after he left the bank, other people took the money, and that one man got \$27,000. Moore resigned two months before the failure. Another case before the court was that of the canvassing board of Warren county, indicted for throwing out votes of eight precincts. In 8 minutes after leaving the box the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty. This settled the fate of the other election case, against the New Hanover canvassing board, in which a nol pros was at once entered. The republicans tried very hard to make capital out of these cases, and a lawyer tells your correspondent that Daniel L. Russell of Wilmington got \$2,000 for his services in pressing the cases, preparing bills etc. He was certainly very active in the business.

The pamphlet containing the rates of fare and freight allowed the various railways was issued to-day by the Railway Commission. It fixes the rate for all the lines, including the Raleigh & Gaston and the Wilmington & Weldon and the Seaboard & Roanoke. It is stated in a footnote that the Seaboard and Wilmington & Weldon systems, in accepting the rates fixed by the Commission desire to say that they do not thereby waive any of their chartered rights.

The oldest living railway engineer, so far as known, resides here. He is Albert Johnson, and in March, 1840, he brought in the first engine seen here, the "Volcano," weighing six tons. He is yet in the service of the Raleigh & Gaston railway, which has also in its employ the oldest living railway treasurer, W. W. Vass.

It is of peculiar interest to note the fact that one third of the 110,000 tons of commercial fertilizers sold this season in North Carolina were made in the State. There are 12 factories now in the State and all are doing well.

To-day Gov. Holt and a large party of prominent men from this State and various other States in the South went to Washington to invite President Harrison to visit the Southern Exposition here. They carry an invitation printed on white satin, in these words, "The citizens of the Southern Section of Union extend an earnest invitation to His Excellency the President of the United States, and his cabinet, to attend the Southern Inter-State Exposition, at Raleigh, N. C., October and November, 1891." It is very generally believed the President will accept.

The grape crop is hurt by the weather, just about 25 per cent. Now there is grave fear of rot, caused by the almost incessant rain, cool weather and lack of sunshine. The melon crop is hurt. Cotton is in a deplorable condition. It has little or no root. The spirits of most of the farmers are greatly depressed. Happy is the man with various crops who has something to fall back on.

The legislature failed to provide funds for the holding of any farmers' institutes in this State. Unless the Board of Agriculture, which meets on the 16th inst., gives some aid, no institutes will be held. Last year, for the first time, these institutes were held in Virginia, where they are very popular, and many will be held this year.

The Board of Agriculture at its meeting will elect officers for the various departments it controls. There may be one or two changes.

The State Board of Education met

to-day, to consider the matter of locating the Normal and Industrial School which was put out to the highest bidder by the late legislature. A number of places desired it, among them Durham, Marion, Thomasville, Graham and Greensboro. About \$25,000 is needed to erect a suitable building. The location should be central.

The Progressive Farmer, the Alliance organ, is just now an object of some attention. It is Col. Polk's own property. Editor Cade, rumor has it, does not take satisfactory editorial views and is to be displaced. Your correspondent interviewed him a day or so ago, and he then declared that he favored the third party only as a last resort.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Brief Mentioning of the Delays in the Old World.

The trial of the baccarat case in London grows more interesting as witness after witness, including the Prince of Wales, comes up with damaging evidence against Sir William Gordon Cumming.

The presiding officer of the Paris Bourse announced on June 2nd, the failure of M. Verrin, a broker. His liabilities are estimated to be 5,000,000 francs.

A bill providing for the issuing of an order in council for a close season in the Bering Sea seal fisheries passed its third reading in the House of Commons last Thursday.

The United States warship Charleston arrived in Iquique harbor, Chile, on Thursday. The Itata has handed over all the arms she took on board while off San Diego, consisting of five thousand rifles.

The Chilean insurgent warship Esmerelda arrived at Panama on Thursday.

The Chilean Minister at La Paz, the capital of Bolivia, has demanded his passport in consequence of Bolivia's recognition of the Chilean Congressional party as belligerents.

Veuve, Dufetel, Grimaux & Co., bankers, of Amiens, France, have suspended, with liabilities estimated at \$1,000,000.

The Vienna correspondent of the London Standard says that at least a dozen persons were killed in a recent thunder storm there.

After a long and exciting debate, the Chamber of Deputies, Lisbon, by a vote of 105 to 6, on Saturday ratified the Convention between England and Portugal.

The omnibus drivers of London decided at a recent meeting, which was largely attended, that the employees of the various omnibus companies should go out on a strike.

Sir Edward Clarke, England's Solicitor General, in his speech to the jury on Monday, in the famous Baccarat case, gave the Prince of Wales a severe and well merited rebuke for his connection with the case. The Solicitor General's courageous and eloquent speech caused a great sensation.

Lombardy, Venetia and part of Tuscany were visited Sunday by repeated earthquake shocks which were also felt at Venice and Milan. Hundreds of houses were destroyed or so badly damaged that they will have to be pulled down. Several persons were killed and many injured.

The schooner C. F. Hill has arrived at San Francisco bringing news that natives in Alaska are dying by hundreds from the grip. There are no doctors and medical stores and they are also suffering from a poor catch of sea otters.

The jury in the famous Baccarat case found a verdict Tuesday against Sir William Gordon Cumming.

The excitement occasioned by the striking Omnibus company's employees is intense in London. It is said that they asked for concession of twelve hours means a loss, yearly, to the Road Car company of £20,000 and to the General Omnibus company of £70,000.

At the French Cabinet Council held yesterday it was decided to ask Parliament for the credit necessary in order to enable France to take part in the Chicago World's Fair.