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WASHINGTON NEWS.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., June 15.—Mr. Harrison is said to be deeply concerned on the silver question and very anxious to acquaint himself with the sentiment of the people in all sections of the country upon this very important question. According to my information, which is unquestionably reliable, no man of prominence calls upon Mr. Harrison without having his opinion asked about silver and being questioned about the sentiment of the people in the section from which he comes. It is supposed that this active interest is caused by recent statements of those who will have much to do with the shaping of legislation in the next Congress that a free coinage bill would be among the first passed after the Fifty-second Congress meets. Both republicans and democrats would like to get this silver question decided before the Presidential campaign, and it may be, although it is extremely doubtful, that Mr. Harrison intends springing a surprise on the country by signing the bill after it is passed.

If there has been a single adverse criticism upon any one of the judges named by Mr. Harrison to sit upon the bench of the new private land claims court, it has not been made public here. They are all lawyers of high standing in their own States, and every one of them has been upon the bench of their State courts. The fact that two out of the five are democrats has also served to prevent criticism. The new judges are: J. M. Reed, of Iowa; T. C. Fuller, of North Carolina; W. F. Stone, of Colorado; W. W. Murray, of Tennessee; H. C. Sluss, of Kansas.

The way to reform abuses is to put an end to them. Such evidently was the opinion of Commissioner of Patents Mitchell, when he issued his recent order amending the rules of the Patent Office so as to absolutely prohibit any attorney or agent, who had been an employe of that office, appearing in behalf of any application upon which he had in any way acted while a Government employe. The full significance of this reform may be better understood when it is known that for many years Examiners in the Patent Office have rejected thousands of applications, particularly those from parties who they had reason to suppose could not afford to put up sufficient cash to appeal from the Examiner's decision, for no other reason than that they might afterwards, as attorneys, get a fee for getting the same allowed; thus, not only robbing the inventor to the extent of the additional fee, but keeping him out of his patent until, in many cases, it had become worthless on account of later inventions.

Secretary Foster has by no means lost interest in Ohio politics since he entered the Cabinet, and he has gone to Ohio to assist in nominating a republican candidate for Governor, and he will also probably take advantage of the gathering of men from all sections of the State at the convention to put in some leeks for '92, and to find out how much danger there is for the republican party in the growth of a third party in the State.

Col. W. W. Dudley, who is usually classed as an anti-Harrison man, has a high opinion of the recent anti-Harrison gathering at Indianapolis. He says of it: "They are acting like a lot of fools. The idea of their trying to do anything like that eighteen months before the convention. The thing is not important or significant. It is simply a move of some of Gresham's friends to bring him out as a candidate. There is always opposition to Mr. Harrison in Indiana. Whether that opposition is strong enough at this time to prevent his getting the delegation no man can tell. The democratic view of the movement was expressed by ex-Representative Stocklager, of Indiana, now here. He says: 'There always has been considerable opposition to Mr. Harrison in Indiana, but the Harrison people have the machine, and you know what that means in

politics. Regardless of the popular sentiment, having the machine is apt to give Mr. Harrison control of the State delegation, but if he is nominated I do not think he can carry the State in '92.'

It is on the cards for the friends of Senator Gorman to make open war upon Mr. Cleveland, should he show any signs of crawling out of the soup where the Gorman people claim he now is.

Representative Mills is in town to remain quite awhile, and he has savagely jumped on the newspaper men who have been printing interviews with him, and says he has not been interviewed for months.

NORTH CAROLINA.

News Clipped From Valuable Exchanges From the Old North State.

Some of the wheat has already been harvested and a good deal of oats cut. Wheat still promises well, winter oats are good and spring oats are very poor.—Landmark

Wheat is in the main good and is ripening. A little will be cut this week, a good deal next week and by the week after harvest will be full upon us.—Lenoir Topic.

Cleveland county went for prohibition by about 500 majority.—The reports of crops are generally very gloomy, although, some of our farmers have splendid prospects.—Mt. Holly News.

Mr. William Dunn dug 586 bushels of potatoes from less than five acres of ground, and these were not his best ones either. He has commenced on digging some that are yielding at the rate of 140 barrels to the acre.—New Bern Journal.

The corn crop is generally good but the cotton crop is not an average in this section of the State. The steamer Beaufort took about seven hundred barrels of potatoes from the Old Dominion wharf on Saturday last.—Washington Progress.

Laurinburg had another incendiary fire last Sunday morning. The C. C. depot was entirely consumed, but nearly all the freight it contained was saved.—The election on the wet and dry question at Albemarle Stanly county, resulted in a victory for prohibition by 13 majority.—Messenger Intelligencer.

A local option election was held at Magnolia Tuesday. The town went dry by a vote of 4 to 0. All the other votes cast were illegal, being "Prohibition" and "no Prohibition." They should have been "License" and "no License." If all the votes had been counted it would have gone wet by one majority.—Mt. Olive Telegram.

During the storm Sunday evening lightning struck the electric light wires and swept down upon the dynamo station with such force as to disrupt the machinery, and in a jiffy every light in the city was slam out, and their sudden departure rendered the darkness more intense.—Goldsboro Argus.

The storms of the latter part of last week were quite severe throughout the county. Considerable damage was done to forests in the western part of the county. Hundreds of trees were blown down. The growing crops, however, did not suffer much. A large portion of the roof of the Banner Warehouse was torn off.—North State.

There was no little excitement in Greenville, last Friday evening, when it was learned that on the night previous some one had fired the barn of Mr. Joel Gardner, a wealthy farmer, and while his family were out at the fire stole a trunk from the house which contained \$6,000 in money and \$7,000 in notes and papers.—Greenville Reflector.

Ten thousand dollars' worth of new stock has recently been taken in the Scotland Neck Cotton Mills. The enterprise begins to look like we said about two and a half years ago it would—a paying investment. A few more such enterprises in Scotland Neck will give us a move that can not be disregarded by persons looking for a live town.—Scotland Neck Democrat.

THE STATE CAPITAL.

LEADING TOPICS OF THE WEEK AT RALEIGH.

RALEIGH, N. C., June 16.—The dullest part of the season is now at hand. All the schools have closed, and those who have the means and time to spare have taken refuge, or will do so, at the sea shore or mountains. Business is at a comparative stand-still, as well with the merchants, as at the departments. All the officials from Governor down seem to be "resting on their oars."

The Exposition is the all absorbing topic among our people, and speculations concerning its success are themes of general conversation. Nearly all, except the chronic few, agree that it promises to be a grand success. If elaborate preparations, coupled with extensive advertisement and enthusiasm generally can render it a success, then it will surely be achieved. That there will be a grand outpouring of people, not only from the South, but from all sections of the Union, must be conceded, judging from the correspondence of the officials. It will be a notable event for the "Old North State," and the entire South as well, and promises to rescue us finally from the not complimentary title of "Rip Van Winkle." Preparations in the way of additions to the buildings and improvements to the grounds are being rapidly pushed and nothing will be left undone to meet the highest expectations of the people.

It is not safe to predict with certainty, that President Harrison will pay us a visit during the Exposition, but the indications are that he will come. The gentlemen from this city who were on the invitation committee are inclined to this opinion. They think the President did not fully commit himself, out of abundant caution, but all agree that he exhibited unusual interest in the matter, and that he will make an earnest endeavor to so arrange public business as to pass at least one day with us.

The initiatory preparations are nearly completed, and there is reason to think that the lists of those who paid the direct taxes in 1865, will be sent to the clerks of the Superior Courts of the several counties, next week. The work has been arduous, and somewhat expensive, but this is more than covered by the accrued interest on the amount received which was invested in 4 per cent. State bonds.

There is a complete lull in political matters here, and one can rarely hear an allusion to it. The third party movement has scarcely produced a ripple, certain it is, that allegiance to the two old parties has not been weakened in any perceptible extent. Col. L. L. Polk spent last Sunday and yesterday in the city, but was exceedingly reticent, even to the extent of being non-committal. He left yesterday afternoon to fill engagements in Mississippi. It is understood that during his visit here he arranged for the transfer of the editorial department of the Progressive Farmer to Mr. Duffy.

The commencement exercises of the Agricultural and Mechanical College will take place to-morrow, and will be largely attended. The exhibit of the department of mechanics is specially interesting and shows wonderful proficiency. The address will be delivered by Rev. Baylus Cade.

The Sunday School excursions of the season wound up to-day, with an excursion of the Edenton street M. E. Sunday School to Fayetteville. A large crowd participated.

The condition of Hon. C. M. Busbee to-day is considered quite critical and his friends fear the worst. He is partially paralyzed in one side, brought about, it is thought by overwork.

The Railroad Commission has, after a short adjournment, reassembled for the purpose of arranging to increase the coffers of the State in the matter of a fair and just system of assessment. The onus of this special business has been very properly shifted to the Commissioners, who are expected to remedy the many evils heretofore

existing. The assessment of Corporations has formerly been vested in the Chairmen of the Boards of County Commissioners in the several counties through which the roads run. With no proper data at commands, the work has been rather imperfectly performed involving much pecuniary loss to the State. We may now expect decisions equitable alike to the roads and the State. Careful consideration will be given in each case, and the reports of the different roads will be thoroughly ventilated so that a proper valuation of the road beds, rolling stock &c., can be obtained. Thus the State will receive its full measure of taxes, and full justice be done the Corporations.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Brief Mentioning of the Doings in the Old World.

The press and especially the Tory press are bitter in their denunciations of the Prince of Wales for his connection with the Baccarat scandal. Sir William Gordon Cumming was married at 10 o'clock last Wednesday morning to Miss Florence Garner, daughter of the late Commodore Wm. Garner of New York.

A serious riot took place at Bremen last Thursday on the part of the striking firemen of the North German Lloyd steamship company. The police reinforced by the fire brigade finally managed to restore order. A number of strikers were injured and several arrests made.

Gold closed on June 10th, at Buenos Ayres, at 301 per cent. premium. The Senate has passed a bill suspending gold payments for six months.

Complaint has been filed at Paris by sixty shareholders against the officers of the Panama Canal Company and DeLesseps, his son and two other directors will be placed on trial.

A recent hurricane in Eastern Galicia uprooted an entire forest, and destroyed many buildings in the towns of Podkamin and Prullima. A number of people were killed and wounded by flying debris.

The Marquis of Londonderry has offered his tenants the option of acquiring their holdings upon reasonable terms.

A requiem was sung in Westminster Abbey Friday morning in honor of the late Canadian Premier, Sir John A. Macdonald. Many distinguished personages were present.

Hon. Wm. E. Gladstone is again confined to his bed, but his illness is considered trifling.

Mount Vesuvius is in a state of eruption. The principal crater is throwing out showers of ashes and flowing lava threatens to reach the observatory.

The cargo of the Italian steamer City of Richmond, which left New York June 6th was discovered to be on fire the following Tuesday. The British steamer Counsellor came alongside on Wednesday and rendered valuable assistance. The City of Richmond in company with the steamship Serbia arrived safely at Queenstown on Sunday morning. The fire originated in the cotton of which there were 2,000 bales.

A cable from Lisbon says: The Minister of the Interior, Senor Vaze, is preparing a bill to prevent Portuguese emigration to America.

A terrible accident occurred Sunday on the railroad near the village of Bale, Switzerland. The iron bridge gave away precipitating two engines and three carriages into the stream. 120 people lost their lives and hundreds of others are injured.

Prince Bismarck has been confined to his bed for three days, suffering acutely from rheumatism of the spine.

After the lecture on Monday night, at Carnarvon, Wales, by Henry M. Stanley, the band played "God bless the Prince of Wales." The music was nearly drowned in the storm of hisses which the Welshmen raised.

Later reports from the scene of the terrible railroad accident in Switzerland, go to show that 130 people lost their lives and about 300 others were injured.

WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY.

HAPPENINGS IN THIS COUNTRY FOR THE PAST WEEK.

Thursday, June 11.

McCrystal, one of the New Orleans jury bribers was convicted yesterday on one count, that of offering a bribe of \$500 to one McCabe, Charles Granger, another alleged briber, was tried, the jury, which disagreed, standing 9 to 3 in favor of acquittal.

Six young ministers of the Reformed Presbyterian Church at Pittsburg, Pa., were expelled from the Church yesterday by the Synod. The vote stood 95 to 37.

During the street car strike at Grand Rapids, Mich., yesterday, a collision took place between police officers and a mob of strikers. Bricks and sticks were thrown and revolvers used. Thirteen of the rioters were arrested.

A. Campbell & Co's cotton mill at Manayunk, Pa., suffered a serious fire yesterday which did damage to the amount of \$250,000. Crenshaw & Co., weavers, who occupied part of the mill, lost \$75,000. The insurance amounts to \$281,000.

Friday, June 12.

A dispatch from Gainesville, Texas, says the rise in Red river is unprecedented. Thousands of acres of corn, cotton and small grain have been destroyed and houses swept away. Several persons have been drowned in the flood.

In the case of John McStay, Mike Dismon, and twenty eight others, at Uniontown, Pa., charged with conspiracy and riot at the Frick Co's Leisenring No. 2, the jury found McStay and Dismon guilty and acquitted the rest.

The squadron of evolution now at Norfolk will go early in July to Boston where it will spend ten days in fleet exercises, thence to New York where a similar program will be carried out.

Holloway & Gardes, dealers in hardware at New Orleans, have suspended, owing to stringency of the money market and dull trade. Liabilities unknown.

The Grand Consistory of Scottish Rite of Masons have purchased a site at Louisville, Ky., and will erect a cathedral at that place.

Saturday, June 13.

R. G. Dun & Co's weekly review of trade says: Within thirty days, the largest crop of wheat ever grown, it is probable, will be moving to market. In all parts of the country the money markets show surprising strength and reports from nearly all the cities show that nobody is suffering except speculators. Failures for the week 244 against 212 for the corresponding week last year.

The conference report on the World's Fair bill recommending an appropriation of \$800,000 has been adopted by the Illinois House and passed. As the bill has already passed the Senate it goes to the Governor for his signature.

Gov. Winan's veto of the bill appropriating \$30,000 of the State's money for the entertainment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Detroit in August next, has been sustained in the Michigan legislature.

H. H. Yard, a former partner of the late President Lucas of the Keystone Bank, Philadelphia, has been arrested in Trenton, N. J. He was closely connected with President Marsh of the Keystone Bank and left the city soon after Marsh disappeared.

Sunday, June 14.

At noon yesterday the last rail was laid and the last spike was driven in the Pigeon Mountain tunnel, on the Chattanooga Southern railroad which runs from Chattanooga, Tenn., to Gadsden, Ala. It is proposed to extend to Columbus, Ga.

An original package agent in Topeka Kan., named Carl Jockhook was fined yesterday, \$1,500 and ninety days in the county jail. A number of other

agents will be tried shortly and it is believed will receive severe punishment.

A collision on the Big Four road, near Littlefield, Ill., yesterday morning between a freight and a passenger train, fatally injured three men and injured twenty passengers more or less seriously.

A resolution presented in the Boston Typographical Union fixing a day's work in all newspaper offices at six hours was defeated.

The exports of specie during last week amounted to \$535,972 in gold and \$67,075 in silver.

Monday, June 15.

About 1,200 architectural metal workers in Chicago struck this morning for a reduction to eight hours for a day's work and an increase in pay to thirty cents per hour.

Twenty-five anti-Alliances in Kansas have repudiated the Third Party movement in the following resolutions, adopted by the Cloud County Alliance: "Whereas, the South was not represented in the Cincinnati Convention, and whereas we believe a third party will disrupt the Republican party to the benefit of the Democratic party; therefore, be it resolved, that we abandon the third party and return to our past affiliation.

Chancellor Summerfield A. Key died to-day at his home in Chattanooga Tenn. He served in the Confederacy during the war as Adjutant of the Forty-third Tennessee Regiment, and was a brother of United States Judge Key, Postmaster General during President Hayes' administration.

The will of the late Bishop Knight, of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee, has just been made public. His entire property is valued at \$100,000 and goes to his wife.

Tuesday, June 16.

Joseph K. Emmett, the well-known German comedian, died at Cornwall on the Hudson, yesterday of pneumonia.

The first shipment of block tin, consisting of seven tons from the Temescal tin mines of San Bernardino county, Cal., has been received at San Francisco.

The tug F. W. Devoe ran into and sunk the yacht Emelia, about midnight yesterday in the Hudson river. Two persons were drowned but all the others were saved. The tug boat pilot, Thos Walsh, was arrested.

The weather yesterday throughout New York, Massachusetts, and other New England States was the hottest June weather on record. The thermometer at New York registered 97 degrees; at Boston, from 94 to 98; at Providence, 107, and at other points, all the way from 90 to 100 degrees.

Sevill Schofield, Son & Co., woollen manufacturers of Manayunk, Penn., assigned yesterday to J. Dobson Schofield. Difficulty of negotiating paper and reduced commercial rating are the alleged causes of assignment. Liabilities and assets unknown. The senior partner is said to be worth over a million dollars.

Wednesday, June 17.

Cashier Spaulding's defalcation, according to the bank examiner at Ayer, Mass., is \$32,000.

The hemp hocking establishment of Cogar, Paas & Co., at Danville, Ky., together with 65,000 pounds of hemp and 40,000 pounds of twine, was entirely destroyed by fire yesterday morning. Loss \$50,000; insurance \$34,000.

The weather yesterday, in the North, was again very hot. New York, 97 degrees; Boston, 100; Biddleford, Me., 102; Concord, N. H., 100; Danbury, Conn., over 100; Meriden, Conn., 100. Many cases of prostration are reported in New York and Brooklyn. Other Northern cities report a similar condition.

A cloud-burst at Newmanville, Tenn., last Saturday, did immense damage, sweeping away houses and destroying crops. Considerable stock was either injured or drowned.