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WASHINGTON NEWS.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., June 29.—

Politics are showing the greatest interest in a statement that Mr. Harrison is said to have made to a friend, to the effect that in a certain contingency he would decline to be the candidate of his party next year. That contingency is the passage of a free coinage bill by both House and Senate at the coming session of Congress. If such a bill is passed and it looks now as if it will be, Mr. Harrison is just as determined as ever to veto it, and knowing that such action will antagonize a large number of republicans, particularly in the West, he will announce that in the interest of party harmony and success he has determined not to allow his name to be presented to the convention. This story may be entirely true, but it looks more like an attempt to make a sensation based on Mr. Harrison's well known anti-free coinage views. It has many believers however, and they are men who make a trade of politics.

Harbor defenses probably a mighty good thing, but it also comes mighty high. A contract has just been made by the Army Ordnance Department for gun carriages for the new 12 inch breech-loading rifled mortars. The carriages are to cost \$11,500 each, if only eight are furnished, and if within one year seventeen additional carriages are ordered they are to be furnished at \$10,750 each.

Mr. Harrison is said to be much offended because the Canadian Government has made public what passed between Secretary Blaine and Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British Minister here, on the subject of reciprocity with Canada, claiming that such action is a breach of confidence, inasmuch as it was first agreed between these two gentlemen, that none of the negotiations should be made public unless a definite understanding was reached. The prediction is already made that the conference which had been arranged for October 12, between Mr. Harrison, Mr. Blaine and representatives of the Canadian Government will be declared off on account of this. While Mr. Harrison may not go to that extreme it is evident that in his present state of mind such a conference can accomplish nothing.

Again the announcement is made that France and Germany are to remove all restrictions upon the importation of American dressed pork into those countries. This time the statement is made by Secretary Husk to Senator Paddock, and it is said to be based upon unofficial information that the governments of these countries have decided that the microscopic examination to which the meat is now subjected by officials of the Agricultural Department is entirely satisfactory. According to the information of the Department the restrictions will be officially removed before the first of next October.

Ex-Senator Ingalls is in town. He lectured today to the Glen Echo Chautauqua. A Washington news paper man made some fun for the boys by making a proposition to a theatrical manager here to pay him \$1,000 cash if he could get Ingalls to deliver a lecture here on "The Kansas Farmers' Alliance; how I met it, and how I was licked by it," and the theatrical man, whose leg is boundless, was actually going to see Mr. Ingalls to ask him what he would charge to deliver a lecture on the subject named if he had not been stopped.

The Treasury Department reports a net cash balance in the Treasury on Saturday at the close of business of \$3,507,200, in addition to fractional silver and deposits in national banks. After the first of July the Treasury statements are not to be made in the form that was used when Senator Sherman was Secretary of the Treasury.

Col. J. B. Weber, Secretary of the Immigration at New York, who is to go to Europe as chairman of the com-

mission to investigate immigration, has been here conferring with officials of the Treasury Department. He intends sailing from New York on the 8th of July, and will meet the other members of the commission, who have already gone over, in London.

Mr. Harrison expects to spend the Fourth of July with his family at Cape May Point, and it is not probable that he will return to Washington for several weeks, unless his presence should be required by some unknown emergency.

NORTH CAROLINA.

News Clipped From Valuable Exchanges From the Old North State.

The Rev. Mr. Lee is holding quite a successful revival here. He has had several converts.—Mt. Olive Telegram.

Carpenters are making things hum out at the Exposition grounds. The building of a large temporary hotel and of the mammoth roller coaster is in progress.—State Chronicle.

Rev. W. M. Ekeridge, of Hillsboro, Texas, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Carthage Presbyterian Church. He is expected to arrive about July 1st.—Carthage Blade.

We have some fine specimens of the present wheat crop. From all we can learn wheat is generally good, and the crop will be more than an average one both quantity and quality.—Lenoir Topic.

Mr. H. F. Keel now says he has some tobacco that will measure four feet across the plant. He has already topped a small patch and in two weeks will begin curing primings.—Eastern Reflector.

Some of the longest timber ever seen in the city was hauled through the streets today. It is to be used in the First Baptist church, and is 60 feet in length, pine, and came from Marion.—Asheville Citizen.

The watermelon crop is small and will be quite late in this section. Those who planted Irish potatoes for market this season made a good thing of it. The crop is good and price high.—Roanoke News.

Crops are looking considerably better in this section since the recent heavy rains and continuous hot weather and reports from other parts of the county are to the same effect.—Columbus Weekly News.

Mr. E. F. Moore, late president of the defunct People's National Bank, was arrested and tried here Tuesday, charged with getting money under false pretenses, and was bound over to the Superior Court in a \$200 bond.—Observer.

R. Percy Gray was elected to fill the vacancy on the board caused by the death of his father, J. A. Gray. Work on the steel and iron plant is going ahead at a lively rate. The railroad bed which passes the plant will be graded in a short time. They are employing all the men they can get.—North State.

There is some talk among our City Fathers of buying a road-making machine. We hope that they will find the instrument desirable, and that it may be utilized not only upon the streets of the city, but upon the county roads leading into the city, and eventually upon all the county roads.—Goldsboro Argus.

The congregation of the Church of Christ is putting in a bell for their church. It weighs about a thousand pounds and is from a Cincinnati foundry, a city famed for its manufacture of bells. The work accomplished by this denominational body since its establishment in New Bern, not yet two years ago, has been remarkable.—New Bern Journal.

As there has been some considerable controversy on the subject we will give the exact figures, as shown by the books, of the number of acres of tobacco planted by Mr. R. D. Armstrong last year, and the net amount received from warehouse sales. He planted thirty acres and received \$10,023, making an average of \$334.10 per acre.—Argonaut.

WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY.

HAPPENINGS IN THIS COUNTRY FOR THE PAST WEEK.

Thursday, June 25.

In the boat race at New London, Conn., yesterday, Columbia won by three lengths, Yale being second and two lengths ahead of Harvard.

A terrible wind and rain storm prevailed Tuesday night along the line of the Illinois Central railroad from Storm Lake to Lamars, Iowa, a distance of fifty six miles. Many buildings in that section were blown down and some loss of life is reported. It is reported that twelve inches of water fell in the Cherokee Valley.

A bronze statue of Henry Ward Beecher was unveiled in City Hall Park, Brooklyn, yesterday afternoon.

Gov. Boies has been renominated by the State Democratic Convention held at Ottumwa, Iowa, yesterday.

Senator George of Mississippi, is out in a seven column letter in the Mississippi, in which he strongly endorses the Ocala platform, excepting however, the sub-treasury and land loan features and government ownership of railroad and telegraph lines.

Friday, June 26.

Kansas was visited yesterday by the heaviest rain storm of the season. Crops were seriously injured and railroads badly damaged.

Three troops of cavalry have been sent into the field from Fort Wingate about 300 miles west of Los Vegas, N. M., to quell an uprising on the Navajo reservation. Infantry companies have been notified to hold themselves in readiness.

The Treasury Department yesterday directed the shipment of \$367,522 in uncurrent silver coin to the mint at New Orleans for re-coinage.

The finishing department of the Alabama Rolling Mills, at Gate City, near Birmingham, Ala., was burned yesterday. Loss, \$20,000.

The Cornell University won the three-mile boat race at New London, Conn., yesterday. Pennsylvania was second, Columbia third.

Warden McHill, who took charge recently of San Quentin prison, at San Francisco had a careful search made and a large quantity of arms, ammunition and provisions were discovered. It was also found that a plot existed for a general uprising among the prisoners.

Saturday, June 27.

R. G. Day & Co's weekly review of trade says: Signs of improvement in business grow more frequent and distinct though there is nothing like a radical change as yet. The state of foreign trade is a little more favorable than it was a year ago. Money continues to return in large volume from the interior and the market here is well supplied. Failures for the week 234 against 253 for last week.

In the sixteenth annual four-mile eight-oared straightaway race between the Yale and Harvard University crews yesterday, Harvard won by eleven lengths. Immense crowds witnessed the race.

State Controller Colgan's attorney has advised him not to pay the \$800,000 appropriated by the Legislature for California's exhibit at the World's Fair on the ground that the appropriation is unconstitutional.

Five men were killed yesterday near Ashland, Pa., by the blowing over of the Patterson Coal Company's breaker.

The grand jury of Pulaski county, Arkansas has returned an indictment against ex-State Treasurer Woodruff for embezzlement of State funds. Woodruff has been placed under arrest.

Sunday, June 28.

The 71st regiment army in New York, together with all the uniforms etc., belonging to the regiment, and stock of a miscellaneous character

belonging to occupants of stores beneath the armory was totally destroyed by fire on Saturday morning. The total loss is placed at \$100,000.

During the week there was exported from New York specie to the amount of \$5,603,104, of which \$5,351,892 was gold and \$253,212 silver.

Judge Collins, in the criminal court at Chicago yesterday quashed all the counts in the indictment against Geo. J. Gibson, ex Secretary of the Whisky Trust, charging him with conspiracy and also for having explosives in his possession.

The Diamond Plate Glass Works, at Elwood Ind., the largest plant in the United States was nearly all destroyed by fire yesterday. The burned buildings covered three acres of land and cost, with the machinery which is also ruined, \$500,000. The company will rebuild at once.

Banks in New York now hold \$18,411,600 in excess of the 25 per cent rate.

Monday, June 29.

A riot occurred Sunday night at the coal mines at Franklin, Wash., between the striking white miners and negroes who had been hired by the Oregon Improvement Company to take the place of the strikers. Two companies of militia have been dispatched to the scene of the riot. It is reported that several have been killed on both sides.

Official notice has been received by the Department of State, of the death of Alexander Clark, United States Minister to Liberia.

The bond required of the assignee of Levi and Joseph Strauss, maltsters at Baltimore Md. amounts to \$800,000.

Eight hundred longshoremen are on a strike in Chicago and very little work is being done by the great freight lines. Freight is accumulating rapidly. It is thought that there will be a break in the blockade in a day or two.

Business on the New York Produce Exchange will be closed from Thursday evening July 2nd, to Monday morning July 6th.

Tuesday, June 30.

The president, vice president, secretary and treasurer of the Detroit Commercial Advertiser and Home Journal were arrested yesterday by U. S. inspectors charged with violating the Lottery Law. They were fined \$500 and costs by Judge Swan. Twenty eight thousand copies of the paper were seized by the inspectors.

One million dollars in gold coin has been ordered at New York for shipment to Europe to-day.

The wholesale and retail grocery of David Nicholson at St. Louis, Mo., was totally destroyed by fire yesterday involving a loss of over \$250,000.

Thirteen flint and window glass factories at Findlay, O., have shut down for the summer vacation which will probably last till September 1st. 2,000 employes will be thrown out of work in consequence.

Wednesday, July 1.

Four men were instantly killed Monday night by the explosion of the boiler of a locomotive on the Central railroad of New Jersey near Mesquehoning Junction, Pa.

The Florence, Ala., Tripoli Works, the only one of the kind in the United States commenced operations yesterday.

Portions of Kansas and Missouri were again swept by a terrible wind and rain storm on Monday night. It is feared that crops are now completely ruined.

The pastor of the Christian Church of Brushton, N. Y., and two ladies of the congregation have died and forty others are critically ill from eating poisonous ice cream.

Gen. Jubal A. Early will speak at the unveiling of the Jackson monument at Lexington, Va., on July 21st. His subject will be the military achievements and character of Gen. Jackson.

THE STATE CAPITAL.

LEADING TOPICS OF THE WEEK AT RALEIGH.

RALEIGH, N. C., June 30.—There is a rather warm dispute between the Department of Agriculture and the Durham Fertilizer Company, which manufactures the Farmers' Alliance official guano. The company evidently seeks to draw the Alliance into a quarrel or dispute. The Alliance has shown a good deal of what may be termed arrogance in its treatment of some public questions. This matter is before the whole people of the State and a very white light beats upon the fertilizer company just now.

Judge Thomas C. Fuller, who takes a pace in the new U. S. Land Court, is now at Denver, Col., where yesterday the court was formally organized. It will do no business until ninety days elapse, as official notification of its organization must first be published. The five justices get \$5,000 yearly and all expenses.

The notable success of the session of the Teacher's Assembly just ended has attracted general attention. Virginia will organize one on the same plan. The next session will be held not at Morehead City, but at Asheville.

The Railway Commission is now hearing the officers of the various railroads on the question of the assessment of taxation. It is pretty clear that there will be a considerable increase in valuation under this new law. The Richmond & Danville railway was given the first hearing yesterday. The Commission construes the law as giving it the right to assess the property of the express and telegraph companies, just as it has the power to regulate their charges.

The State Press Association executive committee met here last Thursday, and called the next convention at Winston, August 11th to 13th. Many papers in the State do not, strange to say belong to this association, some claiming that it is not a body of influence. If all the papers were in it it would be a vital force in all State movements.

The male pensioners of the State, 1,539 in number, are being formally invited to go into camp at Wrightsville July 29th, to August 4th.

A committee of the trustees of the white institution for deaf mutes at Morganton is now in New York State inspecting similar institutions there, so as to give this State the advantage of the best methods.

The contracts will in a few days be given for two new dormitories and for \$5,000 of engines and machinery at the Agricultural and Mechanical College here.

Claims for the refunded direct tax are coming in in great numbers. There are 28,000 people who paid the tax. It is said about 90 per cent. of the \$404,000 will be applied for.

A man who was in 1878 prominently before the public, and who gave much promise, died at Pittsboro last week. It was John M. Moring, who in 1878 was speaker of the House.

A great many changes are made in sub-districts in the revenue collection districts. Some deputies are dropped.

All the talk these days is of the third party. It is quite a lugaboo to some people. Col. Polk says that intolerance may bring it to the front. The Colonel is here now. He is not in a good humor. Attacks by the newspapers gall him. He is now having a war with the News-Observer, against which paper he has for a long time been bitter. He denies having said in a speech in Wisconsin that every gain the Alliance had made in the South had been accomplished in the face of shot guns. His paper next week will be very spicy as the editorials will be his own.

The next question is as to the location of the Colored Agricultural and Mechanical College. Raleigh desires it and may secure it. It will be provisionally established here, at the Shaw University, and professors from the white college will be the instructors. By so doing the \$15,000 annual appropriation under the Morrill bill can

be drawn. The colored college cannot, however, be permanently connected with any other institution like Shaw University, now existing.

Day by day the condition of Grand Sire Charles M. Busbee becomes more and more hopeless. He is losing strength now. Mentally he is a wreck. It is a terrible case. Overwork caused the paralysis. His bodily powers fail with his mental powers. The Deputy Grand Sire, Dr. Campbell, of Toronto Canada, will now have to take up the burden of the work.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Brief Mentioning of the Doings in the Old World.

The St. James Gazette of June 25th says that Sir Andrew Clark, Mr. Gladstone's chief physician, is in fear that the venerable statesman may not recover from the effects of the attack of influenza from which he suffered this spring.

A meeting of about 6,000 bakers took place in Paris last Thursday and a strike was resolved on. The whole number of them framed in procession to march on the Labor Exchange, were charged upon by gendarmes and dispersed leaving their leaders as prisoners.

The International Postal Congress, in session at Vienna, has unanimously decided that the next session shall be held in Washington, D. C.

Charles Stewart Parnell and Mrs. O'Shea were married last Thursday morning at Steyning, Sussex. The ceremony was a strictly private one, only two persons being present beside the registrar who married them.

Prince Alexander of Hattenberg is dangerously ill, suffering from ulcer of the stomach.

The strike of the horse-car employes at Bordeaux, has been settled and the men have returned to work.

Charles and Victor de Lessops have been examined before a magistrate in Paris in regard to the Panama Canal shares.

In addition to a pension Mrs. Grimwood has received a grant of £500 in recognition of her bravery on the occasion of the Manipur massacre.

Emperor William while presiding at a ministerial council announced that he had devised a scheme for a lottery by which he hoped to obtain 8,000,000 marks to be used in the work of combating slavery in Africa.

President Carnot has signed the Franco-Brazilian Convention protecting literary and artistic works of the two countries mentioned.

Heavy rains have caused disastrous floods and serious damage to property throughout Southern Wales.

The police on Saturday searched the offices of the Panama Canal Co., and seized all documents in any way relating to the company's affairs.

The German ironclad Kaiser sustained considerable damage to her hull by running aground during the naval maneuvers off Dantzic last Friday.

Heavy thunderstorms are reported throughout England and Ireland. Much damage was caused by floods, and several houses were burned or shattered by lightning.

Emperor William has ordered that a reduction of hours of work be made in the Spandau government arsenals and workshops. This step is taken in preference to dismissing 1,000 workmen, as otherwise would be necessary on account of slackness of work at present.

The Court of Appeals at Copenhagen has confirmed the sentence of death passed upon the murderer Philipson.

A cable from Hamburg says that the Emperor conversing with Herr Gisen, chairman of the Hamburg American Steamship Company, announced that the Dreibund has been renewed for six years.

The Americans residing in Stuttgart will celebrate the Fourth of July on a grand scale. There will be a meeting in the park, with speeches and music, religious services, a banquet, fireworks and a dance.