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WASHINGTON NEWS.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., July 13.—Secretary Noble has gone away, he said for rest and no one will tell where he has gone, and that has again started the rumor that he intended resigning. At the Interior Department the officials have all adopted the know-nothing policy, as far as the Secretary is concerned, but one of his family is an authority for the statement that he has no idea of resigning.

Members of the Farmers Alliance do not take kindly to a published interview with ex-Congressman Perkins of Kansas, who was here a few days ago, in which he painted a most doleful picture of affairs in Kansas, saying in effect that the State was rapidly going to the "demition bow-wow" because of the success of the Alliance, which he accused among other things as being in favor of the reputation of private debts. A Kansas Alliance man who was at Alliance headquarters here to-day said of the interview: "It is an outrageous libel upon the State as well as upon the Alliance; we do not favor the reputation of debts and have never done so, and all such reports as Mr. Perkins knows very well, have been circulated by our enemies solely for the purpose of bringing discredit upon the organization. I am afraid that Mr. Perkins will have to be classed among the sore-heads. He isn't the first man who has been under the impression that his retirement from office meant the destruction of the country's prosperity. If any member of the Alliance is in debt to Mr. Perkins it is safe to say that he isn't prepared to sell his claim at a ruinous discount, nor has he as far as I have heard, expressed any intention of leaving the State."

Secretary Foster's idea that the offices of five out of six of the Auditors of the Treasury might be abolished without injury to the interests of the country, is a good one and should be carried out, but it isn't very probable that it will, because it cannot be done without the consent of Congress and it is always safe to say, judging from the past, that a majority of any Congress will be in favor of increasing instead of decreasing the Government patronage. It has not been many years since the late Samuel J. Randall proposed an amendment to an annual legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill abolishing these very bureaux and others, on the ground that their work was simply a duplication of the work of other bureaux of the Treasury and therefore unnecessary. Mr. Randall collected a mass of data showing that the adoption of his amendment would save more than a million and a half dollars each year, but as soon as he began to push his amendment he discovered that it would be impossible to get it through the House, so he reluctantly abandoned it. Nobody who knows anything about the business of the Treasury department can deny that Mr. Randall was, and that Mr. Foster is, right, nor does anybody think that Mr. Foster can succeed in getting a lot of offices abolished, any better than Mr. Randall did.

Mr. Powderly's long open letter addressed to Secretary Foster, concerning the recent conferences about the seven Knights of Labor discharged from the bureau of Engraving and Printing has been much discussed here, and there is a general feeling of regret that it should have been written; its tone is such that it has injured rather than helped the cause for which Mr. Powderly is laboring; and it looks too much like a political attack upon Mr. Foster to suit many of those whose sympathy had been with the Knights since the beginning of the controversy. Mr. Foster has declined to answer the letter, saying that he would not enter into a controversy with Mr. Powderly upon such a basis.

The country will soon know whether the scientists are right in claiming that rainfall can be produced in any locality by artificial means, as the Agricultural department has started a party for the arid section of western Kansas with the necessary paraphernalia for making the experiment. Prof. Dyrenforth, who is in charge of the party is very confident of success, and he certainly has the best wishes of everybody.

Secretary Rusk is going to Wisconsin this week for an extended vacation. He will be accompanied by his family.

Fourth Auditor Lynch, a colored Mississippian, who has just returned from the South says that Harrison will have a solid Southern delegation in the next republican national convention, and that it cannot be broken. If Mr. Lynch is right it will differ very much from any delegation ever sent by the South to a republican convention, as Senator Sherman and other Presidential candidates know to their cost.

Fred Douglass who is now here on leave, will not return to Haiti as minister, and it is doubtful whether any one will be sent in his place for quite awhile.

THE STATE CAPITAL.

LEADING TOPICS OF THE WEEK AT RALEIGH.

RALEIGH, N. C., July 13.—Last Friday, Governor Holt, received through Senator Ransom, the welcome intelligence from Washington City that the check for \$26,000, being the amount of balance due the State on account of direct taxes, had been ordered. There is therefore no longer any reason why the Governor should not proceed to pay the claims presented. For about a week previous, these applications have been pouring into the department, and have assumed huge proportions. In order to facilitate matters, a regular routine has been adopted, which, while it looks a little like circumlocution, is calculated to protect the Governor from imposition and dispense justice to all concerned. Mr. Phil H. Andrews, of this city, was chosen to verify all the applications on file, so that there can hardly be any possibility of an error. It is deemed best for parties concerned that all claims shall be sent first to his address, instead of to the Executive office because no claim sent to the department will be paid without first undergoing an examination at Mr. Andrews' hands. He has an office in the eastern end of the Capitol, and a force of clerks at work. As soon as the applications are verified with the stubs from which copies for the various clerks of the Superior Courts were taken, the warrants are made out and sent to the Governor for his signature. This looks something like "red tape" but it is a safe and sure precaution.

All is bustle at the Exposition grounds, and the work of preparation is going steadily on. It has been thought best to remove the headquarters of the Inter-State Bureau from the Agricultural building in this city to the Fair Grounds, so that Mr. Patrick, the commissioner, can better attend to the details of the arrangements. Many repairs are needed to be made to the buildings. In the first place the grand stand is not in a creditable condition for an event of so much importance. It is to be re-arranged, enlarged and painted. Floral Hall, too, needs much work to put it in proper shape for the varied exhibits in that line. The stalls for cattle are to be fixed and the race track regraded and leveled. In a word, there is an immense amount of labor to be performed to place all the surroundings in such a shape as the dignity and the event of the occasion demand. A force of clerks is left at the office in the Agricultural building, in the city, under control of Gen. Chilton, for the purpose of conducting the general correspondence. Nothing will be left undone to make the big show a credit to the State and its Capital City.

There will be a meeting of the trustees of the proposed Agricultural and Mechanical College for colored people next month, for the purpose of locating the institution. In view of this, a meeting of colored citizens was held in this city a few days since, to take steps to secure the site of the College in Raleigh. A committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions, and for the past ten days, they have been making a canvass. Your correspondent is informed that, so far, they have met with much encouragement, and the promise of substantial financial aid.

In order to meet the demands of large additions to the State Museum in the shape of specimens, the room is undergoing a general re-arrangement. It is to be painted and the shelves placed in more convenient position. It is a most interesting place to visit, and no one coming to Raleigh should fail to see it.

J. Rowan Rogers, the late republican sheriff of this county, is charged with being short in his settlements to the extent of \$10,000. The matter is now under strict investigation by the County Commissioners. There is some comment over the fact, that although the sheriff went out of office December last, the shortage has just been discovered.

The streets of Melbourne, Australia, have been inundated by the overflow of the Yarra river, caused by heavy and incessant rains. Railroads are blocked and thousands of people are homeless. The overflow has not been equalled since 1886.

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FOREIGN NEWS.

Brief Mentioning of the Doings in the Old World.

An insane man made an unsuccessful attempt to assassinate President Carnot, in Paris on Monday, by firing a pistol at him. The President was uninjured.

The greatest conflagration Montreal, Canada, has known in years is now, July 14th raging. Many thousand of dollars worth of property have been destroyed.

Emperor William of Germany, left Scotland on Tuesday for Germany, on his yacht Hohenzollern. He is greatly pleased with his reception in Great Britain.

The Bank of Spain has negotiated a loan of \$10,000,000 with the Banque De Paris and Rothschilds. The Bank of Spain gives treasury bonds as a guarantee for the repayment of the loan.

The Roumanian frontiers bordering on Russia have been cordoned with troops to prevent the influx of Jews fleeing from Russia.

The Baltimore Fruit Company at Nicaragua, engaged in the shipment of fruit from Nicaraguan ports to Philadelphia, has failed. Liabilities large.

Pilgrims returning from Mecca are to be quarantined twenty days before being allowed to pass through the Suez Canal in order to keep cholera out of Egypt.

The cork workers of Portugal ask help from the Government; their work has been stopped by the non-exportation of cork to America.

At the rifle meeting at Bisley, England last Monday, the Canadians won a match against Cambridge by 28 points.

The 14th of July and the fall of the Bastille was observed in Paris with appropriate ceremonies and rejoicings. President Carnot held a grand reception while reviewing the troops composing the garrison of Paris.

The Nation, a weekly paper in Dublin, suspended publication last Friday, on its fiftieth anniversary.

Dillon and O'Brien will be released from jail July 30th.

No Orange lodges will be allowed in future in the British Army.

Harvest reports from Russia are to the effect that there will be no grain for export this season.

Count Wilhelm Bismark, second son of Prince Bismark, has resigned his position of President of the Regency of Hanover.

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WORLD'S FAIR NOTES.

GREAT INTEREST MANIFESTED THROUGHOUT EUROPE.

CHICAGO, Ill., July 9.—Mr. Jephson of the Emin Rey exposition who was in Chicago Saturday, thinks it possible to secure a number of pigmies from Central Africa for the exhibition at the World's Fair. Mr. Jephson believes the failure of the former attempt to fetch the tiny creatures to Europe, was occasioned by the fatigue and hardships of the journey, rather than the change of climate. By proper precautions against over exertion upon the part of the pigmies, Mr. Jephson sees no impossibility in the way of procuring an exhibit of them for the Columbian Exposition.

The Atlantic Cable brings encouraging intelligence of the increase of foreign interest in the World's Fair. France, in particular, is fully awake to the opportunity. The government will ask in a few days for an appropriation of 1,500,000 francs for the French display; and the artists of Paris are willing to contribute 300,000 francs for a building, provided they can secure the desired space. The latter proposition, however, is not likely to receive favorable consideration from the management of the Fair, for obvious reasons.

Chief Ives of the Art Department of the Exposition, will start at an early day in pursuance of his official duties. Before sailing, however, Mr. Ives will make a tour of the principal cities in the United States, in order to consult with American artists, concerning their contributions to the inter-national exhibit; and ascertain their views in regard to this Department of the Columbian Exposition. The American Society of Wood Engravers are already in communication with Mr. Ives, looking toward the interests of that art.

There is a rumor to the effect that Holland will withhold her famous pictures from the World's Columbian Exposition, but the rumor being unsupported by any official statement, there seems no ground for apprehension of disappointment from this source.

Persia's acceptance was announced on June 29th, and the intimation brings a vision of wondrous tapestries, of chaplets, of silken blossoms, of gorgeous broderies in pearl and gold, pervaded by attar of roses.

On Wednesday, the first modelling staff was begun. The beginning was a great garland for the ornamentation of the front of the Electricity Building. This structure alone will have 400,000 square feet of decoration. A modeling room 50x75 feet will be built adjoining it. Twelve men are employed upon the piece in hand, but later fifty will be engaged in the work.

The Board of Directors of the National Catholic Educational Exhibit held a meeting in this city, on Wednesday last. Bishop Spaulding presided and a committee was appointed to take charge of the exhibit, and to enlist the cooperation of all Catholic educators.

On Thursday Thomas A. Painter of Columbia College, and Stanley Hayes of Yale, left for Peru, for the purpose of securing photographs and casts of Peruvian antiquities for exhibition at the World's Fair.

Carlos Lix Klea, who prepared the magnificent exhibit of the Argentine Republic at Paris in 1889 has been engaged to manage the Republic's display, at the World's Columbian Exposition.

The State of Washington will spend her entire appropriation of \$100,000 upon the collection of an exhibit. The lumbermen of the State will contribute the material for the building. The Northern Pacific Railroad is building special cars for the transportation of giant timbers from the State to the Exposition.

Thursday July 2nd will ever be memorable, as the date upon which work on the Exposition buildings was actually begun. The materials for the Mines and Mining Building are nearly all on the spot, and the stakes were driven on Wednesday July 1st.

WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY.

HAPPENINGS IN THIS COUNTRY FOR THE PAST WEEK.

Thursday, July 9.

The Sixth Avenue street car line stables in New York city burned yesterday. Loss \$60,000.

Word has just been received at Hampton, Conn., of the death of the Rev. Dr. Bissell, Secretary of Maratha Mission in India, who had been in India forty years. He was seventy years old and the father of the Rev. Mr. Bissell of Hampton, Conn., who will take his father's place.

The New York Life Insurance Company has brought a libel suit against the New York Times for \$1,000,000 for an alleged malicious publication.

18,000,000 feet of lumber, an immense planing mill and eighteen dwellings belonging to Mitchell Brothers, about twelve miles from Cadillac, Mich., were destroyed by fire last night. The total loss is placed at \$200,000, insurance, \$25,000.

The steamship Chester has libeled the steamship Serbia for salvage in towing the Serbia to New York when in a disabled condition.

Friday, July 10.

The steamship Guyandotte of the Old Dominion Line and the British steamship Lamington came into collision yesterday morning off Lambert's Point coal pier, near Norfolk, Va. The bows of both steamers were badly smashed but they were able to proceed on their way.

The temperature at San Antonio, Texas, yesterday was 106 degrees, the highest in four years. Business was partially suspended.

The Birmingham, Ala., Soap Works were destroyed by fire yesterday, involving a loss of \$24,000.

The Atlantic and Great Lakes Navigation and Trading Company limited, purposes to open direct water communication for freight and passenger business between Chicago and Great Britain. \$5,000,000 has already been subscribed toward the capital stock.

An explosion of malt dust in the mill rooms of James Everard's big brewery in New York, yesterday, severely injured three men and caused a damage of about \$700 to the building.

Eighty one city laborers at New Bedford, Mass., have been discharged because they were not citizens of the United States.

Saturday, July 11.

The Falls City Bank, at Louisville, Ky., made an assignment yesterday to the Mechanics Trust Company. Liabilities, \$431,300; assets nominally \$1,223,000.

R. G. Dun & Co's weekly review of trade says: Crop reports have never been more full than they are this year and they grow more clearly satisfactory as to spring wheat, other grain and cotton every day. The Louisiana sugar crop is expected to be the largest since 1860, the bounty applications being for 450,000,000 pounds. Many markets are close as a rule. Failures for the week, in the United States and Canada, 247 as against 197 for the corresponding week last year.

D. M. Key, Judge of the United States Circuit Court, and Postmaster General under President Hayes, has been offered and accepted the position of Dean of the Law School of Grant University.

A motion of appeal has been granted in the case of the schooner Robert & Minnie to the United States Court of Appeals in San Francisco.

Sunday, July 12.

Many towns in the northern part of the southern peninsula of Michigan are in great danger of being burned out. The forest fires are raging with great fierceness in that section and settlers are fleeing for their lives.

Report says that the property of

the Sheffield Land Company and the plant of the Alabama Iron and Railway Company, of Sheffield, Ala., will be sold to an English syndicate.

Rain at Sioux City, Iowa on Friday caused damage to the amount of \$100,000. Several buildings were undermined. The Mayor says that it will cost \$10,000 to repair the pavements.

A dispatch from White Earth, Minn., says that the Chippewa Indians have been in a state of open revolt for several weeks owing to the tardiness of the Chippewa Commission in the allotment of land and non-payment by the Government of several thousand dollars damages occasioned by big overflows in the construction of the upper Mississippi reservoirs.

New York banks now hold \$14,542,025 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent rule.

Monday, July 13.

Edward Burgess, the yacht designer of international reputation, died in Boston, at his Beacon street residence yesterday afternoon. He was 43 years old. He has designed over one hundred yachts.

Three men were drowned and one other badly injured yesterday by the explosion of a naphtha launch near Coney Island, New York.

The shoddy mill of Walworth & Co., 4118 Ludlow street, West Philadelphia, was destroyed by fire last night. Loss \$22,000; insurance, \$15,000.

A serious cave-in has occurred at the village of Leaksville, Penn., at the old slope of the Kingston Coal Company. The village is built directly over the mine and the inhabitants are in great fear of their lives and property.

Thirteen persons were fatally scalded Saturday night in a railroad accident which occurred at Aspen Junction, 18 miles west of Aspen, Col., on the Midland railroad. The accident was caused by a road engine which ran into the engine of the passenger train, breaking the check valve on the boiler and exhausting the steam into the broken end of the passenger car.

Tuesday, July 14.

Aquilla Jones, at one time treasurer of Indiana, and postmaster of Indianapolis during Cleveland's administration, died at that city on Sunday, in his 80th year. His first vote was cast for Andrew Jackson.

The St. Louis Hotel at Duluth, Minn., owned by the Boston Realty and Investment Company was damaged by fire yesterday to the amount of \$100,000. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

Incendiarics at Reading, Pa., have lately burned a dozen residences, mills, etc., valued at \$50,000 and the people of that city are becoming alarmed.

Democratic editors in Kansas, it is said, will at once begin a systematic and determined warfare on the Farmers' Alliance. They have been holding meetings and have prepared an address to the people of Kansas and also warn Democrats of the nation against the Farmers' Alliance.

Wednesday, July 15.

The West Point Terminal Company has decided to remove its general headquarters from Washington to Atlanta. The change will be made at once.

An English syndicate with a reputed capital of \$20,000,000 has closed a contract for the purchase of the principal glucose factories in the United States. The combined capacity of the eight factories in the trust is 60,000 to 70,000 bushels of corn per day.

The Liberals in Salt Lake City, Utah, on Monday defeated the Mormons in the school election. They carried the city as a whole by 700 majority.

Forest fires have wiped out the little hamlet of Whitney, Mich., on the Chicago & Northwestern railroad. Only one store and a charcoal kiln were left standing.