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WASHINGTON NEWS.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., July 20.—The contest for the Speakership of the next House is getting warm and consequently interesting. The popular idea of the positions of the candidates has undergone a change, and now Representative Crisp is thought to have taken the lead from Mr. Mills, consequently the friends of the other candidates have begun to talk of "anything but Crisp." Messrs. Mills, Crisp and McMillan are now in the city and neither of them shows the slightest disposition to consider the fight won by anybody. When Mr. Mills was thought to be in the lead it was at his head that all the adverse criticism was hurled, and now it is at Mr. Crisp. He is charged with being a prohibitionist and also with being the lobbyist candidate, and yet the active canvass may be said to have just begun. What it will be a little later on no man can say, further than that it will be extremely lively, and that it is likely to occupy considerable space in the newspapers.

The manner in which some of the more prominent democrats now here and others who have been here since the meeting of the Ohio democratic convention, treat the free coinage plank in the platform adopted by that convention, has brought forward the doubts which were freely expressed while the democrats were ostensibly battling for free coinage in the Senate last winter, as to whether the democratic leaders were really in favor of free coinage. At that time there were many shrewd observers who expressed the belief, founded largely upon the previously expressed opinions of democratic Senators, that they would not have supported the bill if they had supposed it to have even a reasonable chance of becoming a law, and now from what has been said by democrats, many believe that the plank was only inserted in the Ohio platform as a bid for Alliance votes, and in the hope that it would prevent the nomination of a third State ticket. Such suspicions may be entirely unjust, but they naturally arise from the many tricks which the professional politician has in the past played upon the people.

There is a general feeling of regret among fair-minded, broad gauge people that Indian Commissioner Morgan should have severed the relations which have so long existed between the Indian bureau and the Catholic Bureau of Missions by declining to make further contracts with that bureau for the conduct of Indian schools. This is the culmination of a controversy which began with the appointment of Commissioner Morgan, upon whose confirmation by the Senate such a hard and long fight was made; the Catholics have maintained that Commissioner Morgan has constantly discriminated against them on account of religious prejudice, while Mr. Morgan has contended that the Catholics have thrown every possible obstacle in the way of his making reforms in the Indian service. He claims that his action in refusing to make any more contracts with the Mission bureau the head of which is located here, will not interfere with any of the Catholic schools on the reservations, as he will make contracts with those who conduct the schools. The other side could not be obtained because the officials of the Mission bureau, declined to discuss the matter for publication at this time. Secretary Tracy is the only member of the Cabinet in town to day, but Mr. Wanamaker is expected at his office to-morrow.

Secretary Foster will go this week to see Mr. Harrison, but nobody seems able to say authoritatively whether it is a social or an official visit. It is probably a combination of both.

A bulletin issued by the Census Office gives the production of gold and silver in the United States for the calendar year 1889 as, gold 1,580,869 ounces, and silver 51,354,851 ounces, that being about 28 per cent of the

entire world's production of gold and 41 per cent of silver.

The negotiations for the arbitration of the disputed points in the Behring Sea matter are not making much progress just at present, although every day or two Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British minister, goes down to the State Department and has a conference with Assistant Secretary Moore, who is in charge during Mr. Blaine's absence. The fact of the matter is that both sides are awaiting the report of the commission which has been sent to the Seal Islands for the purpose of making a thorough investigation; as both countries have appointed a commission, and although they are both on the same errand they will work entirely independent of each other, each commission making its report to its own government. When these reports are submitted, if they agree as to the condition of things it will be plain sailing to arrange the details of the proposed arbitration; but should they disagree there will be a very troublesome hitch, which may in the end upset everything.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Brief Mentioning of the Doings in the Old World.

Forty houses were destroyed by a fire in Jadraque, Province of Guadalajara, Spain, on Sunday.

Russia is having four more war vessels built for the Black Sea fleet.

Private letters just received at San Francisco say, that Kylie Bellew and Mrs. James Brown Potter, have been married in Hong Kong.

Rain in Bombay at present is greatly assisting the crops.

The French Senate has passed a bill making ten hours a day's work in all factories, forbidding night duty, and prescribing one day of rest in every seven.

Eleven men were killed and several others injured last week, by the toppling over of a train into the Manchester ship canal.

The Rural Assembly of the province of Kazan, Russia, has decided to make an application to the Government for a loan of 500,000 roubles for the relief of the suffering peasantry.

Parnell is said to have paid the costs in the O'Shea divorce case, amounting to \$5,000. This report, however, is denied by O'Shea's solicitors.

A cable from Dublin, says that blight has played great havoc with the potato crop in the Skibberen district.

The City of Santiago, Chile, was visited last week with the worst fire ever known in South America, the loss being estimated at \$2,000,000. The British Legation, including all of the archives and personal property of the Minister, was entirely consumed.

Ex-Queen Natalie of Servia, is suing her husband, ex-King Milan, in Paris, for 3,000,000 francs, part of her personal fortune.

The Buenos Ayres Chamber of Deputies is considering a reduction of duties on raw sugar, petroleum, tea, rice and tallow.

Russia proposes that all foreigners doing business in that country must become citizens within five years or be expelled.

A fund is to be raised in England to erect a memorial of Sir John Macdonald in St. Paul's Cathedral.

The workmen of Portugal have asked their Government to prevent speculation in English gold.

The railroad employes' strike in Paris has collapsed, and the men are flocking back to work.

The spread of cholera is increasing at Mecca. There were 140 deaths on Saturday and 380 on Sunday last. The deaths occurred chiefly among Turkish pilgrims. The Khedive has issued instructions that vigorous means shall be taken to prevent the introduction of the disease into Egypt.

A provisional liquidator has been appointed to take charge of the suspended English Bank of the River Platte.

WORLD'S FAIR NOTES.

GREAT INTEREST MANIFESTED THROUGHOUT EUROPE.

Chicago, Ill., July 18.—During the past week the Turkish World's Fair Committee have been making inquiry as to the best means of securing adequate representation for Turkey at the Columbian Exposition.

Persia having accepted the invitation to participate in the World's Fair, has named Spencer Pratt as her honorary commissioner.

The Paris Chamber of Commerce recently urged French Manufacturers to exhibit at the World's Fair, and asked the government to obtain additional facilities from America for exhibitors.

It is said that \$2,000,000 will be expended upon the Mexican exhibit, \$750,000 will be the first appropriation but others will soon follow, until the two million maximum is reached. There is great enthusiasm in Mexico concerning the Columbian Exposition.

World's Fair work progresses rapidly in Texas. The State Association has issued a circular letter to the colored people, calling on them to hold a convention to formulate a plan for an exhibit by their race at the Exposition.

A. E. Foote, the noted mineralogist of Philadelphia, wishes to exhibit his collection of native gems, ornamental stones and minerals. There are now 150 tons of specimens, and Mr. Foote expects to make large additions to the collection, before the Columbian Exposition opens.

The gasoline assaying outfit a process determining the character and value of ores, will be in operation in the Mining Department. While not requiring much space nor being a very conspicuous exhibit, it will be an attraction of great interest, and a valuable instruction to all visitors of the Exposition who are concerned in Mining affairs.

An interesting event took place in Georgia the fourth of July. A large concourse of women and girls, some of them quite small children, and all operatives in the great cotton and woolen factories of the State assembled to celebrate the fourth. Mrs. William H. Felton, lady manager for Georgia, and temporary chairman of the Board of Lady Managers, as well as the most prominent woman of the country, was invited to address the assemblage. It was a magnificent opportunity to present the intentions of the Board to those whom it particularly desires to reach. Mrs. Felton was equal to the occasion, and explained clearly and fully what the Board designed and hoped to accomplish. She asked the co-operation of her listeners in the great work. A carriage wreathed in flowers awaited the white-haired orator and three hundred little girls escorted her to the stand singing a song of welcome.

The President of the Board of Lady Managers was granted a private audience on the 8th with Minister and Madame Carnot in Paris, and succeeded in interesting them in the work of the Lady Managers of the Fair. M. Roche, head of the French Columbian Commission has agreed to give women official recognition.

The Delaware State Commissioners have selected the site for their building. The plan for the building has been accepted, and work upon it will soon be begun. The structure will be prepared for erection in Delaware, from material produced by the State, and shipped to Chicago ready to put together. It is decided that Delaware will ask for an additional appropriation when its legislature convenes.

Thomas L. Williams, Commissioner for Tennessee, has been appointed alternate for Judge Lindsay upon the Board of Control.

Massachusetts has appointed her State Commission, and men and women are given equal representation upon it.

Mr. James Allison of Cincinnati has been appointed Chief of the Department of Manufactures. This selection has met with universal approbation.

WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY.

HAPPENINGS IN THIS COUNTRY FOR THE PAST WEEK.

Thursday, July 18.

Governor James E. Campbell has been re-nominated by the Democrats of Ohio, to run against Wm. McKinley.

Gen. Weaver and Col. L. L. Polk, spoke before a very enthusiastic gathering of the Farmers' Alliance, at Atlanta, Ga., on Wednesday.

The total cost of the building of the main building for the World's Fair, just contracted for, will be \$278,492.

Fire at Shawmut, Maine, yesterday, destroyed a large pulp mill. Loss \$250,000; insurance, \$134,000.

The Howell Lumber Company, at Omaha, Neb., is financially embarrassed. A bill of sale was executed yesterday, to C. L. Chaffee, of the entire stock, book accounts and effects for \$112,555. This procedure was immediately followed by an attachment.

Chief Hastine, leader of the renegade band of Navajos, who have been creating so much trouble recently in Arizona, was captured Saturday by the sheriff's posse sent out for that purpose.

Fire in a Sandusky ice house, yesterday, caused a loss of \$170,000.

Friday, July 17.

Sam. Small, the Evangelist will, it is said, return to journalism. He has accepted the managing editorship of a new paper, the Atlanta Herald, at Atlanta, Ga., with the question of prohibition a leading feature.

Secretary Tracy yesterday issued a direct tax warrant for \$26,217 in favor of the Governor of North Carolina, which makes good the error recently reported.

The express car of the Pacific Express, which left Texarkana, Ark., at 9.10 Wednesday evening, was boarded as it left the yards at that place and robbed of a small amount of money and valuables. The messenger was kept quiet by the showing of a revolver by the one man who did the job.

Three hundred armed free laborers drove the convicts and guards from the Tennessee Coal and Mining Company's mine and Brierville, Tenn., on Wednesday morning. Troops have been dispatched to the scene of the trouble.

A cyclone at West Superior, Wis., on Wednesday destroyed many buildings and killed and wounded a number of people.

Saturday, July 18.

R. G. Dun & Co's weekly review of trade says: Business clearly grows somewhat more active, though the midsummer dullness is still the rule. Imports at New York have sharply declined since July 1st, about 18 per cent, less than for the same week last year, while exports for the same period show an increase of 33 per cent. Business failures for the week 274, against 247 last week.

Owing to a heavy run made upon it, the First National Bank, of Palatka, Fla., suspended payment yesterday. The liabilities are understood to be about \$200,000, with assets sufficient to more than cover that amount.

The U. S. steamship, Marion, Lieut. Commander Bartlett in command, has received orders to proceed at once to Bering Sea to join the patrol.

Five men were killed and about ten others badly injured yesterday, at West Superior, Wis., by the falling of a new hotel building during a severe storm. Several small buildings in West Duluth were unroofed.

The coal mines at Springfield, Ill., some of which have been idle since May last, will resume work at once, the strike having been settled in accordance with the striking miners' demands.

Sunday, July 19.

The death of Samuel G. Tupper, at

Charleston, S. C., is reported. He was seventy-four years of age, was a prominent insurance man and for many years president of the Chamber of Commerce of that city.

New York banks now hold \$18,489,675 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent. rule. Imports of specie during the week, \$24,439 in gold and \$211,939 in silver. Exports of specie from New York this week, were \$319,400 in gold and \$282,387 in silver.

The late Secretary Windon's estate foots up a grand total of nearly \$200,000.

J. H. Bonnell & Co., manufacturers of printers ink, at New York, have failed. Their liabilities exceed \$400,000. The principal creditors are among the banks.

Three miles of snow sheds, of the Central Pacific, near the summit were burned Friday. Sparks from a locomotive originated the fire. Freight traffic will probably be delayed for a day or two.

The Georgia Legislature has passed a bill which disqualifies drunken doctors from practicing. Upon conviction of drunkenness the accused is made subject to a heavy penalty if he should attempt to practice again.

Monday, July 20.

Crops on many farms in Middlesex county, New Jersey, have been destroyed by grasshoppers. Many farmers have lost in the neighborhood of \$250. At the poorhouse farm the hay and potato crop have been destroyed, and the insects are now attacking the corn.

The Norwich, Conn. Bulletin says that the fishing schooner, Mattie and Lena returned from a fishing cruise Saturday with twenty sword-fish as the result of the trip. The boat was absent from port but six days. Her crew consisted of but three men.

There is great excitement over magnificent gold finds near Ellensburg, Wash. Fine nuggets and dust are found daily and the gold is of a fine quality.

The village of Sawyerville, Mich., was entirely destroyed by fire on Saturday night. The village consisted of thirty houses, one general store, one large saw and shingle mill and lumber yard. The loss will amount to between \$230,000 and \$300,000.

Tuesday, July 21.

The Central Bank, of Kansas City, Kansas, failed yesterday. Liabilities \$35,000; assets \$65,000.

The lighthouse board has been informed by Anderson & Barr, the contractors for the construction of the lighthouse on Diamond Shoal, off Cape Hatteras, that, notwithstanding the great loss they have sustained in the loss of their caisson, they will make another endeavor, next year, to secure a solid foundation on the dangerous reef.

Thirty Russian Jewish immigrants are detained at the Barge office, New York, awaiting the decision of the superintendent of immigration. They will probably be sent back, as they have been assisted.

The Merchants' National Bank, at Fort Worth, Texas, by a vote of the directors, closed its doors, and Bank Examiner Spaulding was placed in charge. The bank's liabilities foot up about \$500,000, and assets \$1,200,000.

Wednesday, July 22.

W. H. Pope, the Louisville embezzler, who disappeared some time ago with a large amount of money, has been arrested in the City of Mexico.

The entire plant of the Pennsylvania Steel Company, at Steelton, Pa., has shut down, owing to a dispute with the Amalgamated Association.

The thirtieth anniversary of the first battle of Manassas was celebrated yesterday in Charleston, S. C., by a military demonstration and the unveiling of a monument to the soldiers of the Washington Light Infantry who died during the war.

THE STATE CAPITAL.

LEADING TOPICS OF THE WEEK AT RALEIGH.

RALEIGH, N. C., July 20.—The first shipment of grapes from this immediate vicinity, was made yesterday, and a large consignment sent to Boston. As heretofore stated, the crop does not promise an abundant yield as for years past, but still the farmers expect to realize handsome returns.

Most intelligent readers of the State papers are no doubt well acquainted with the circumstances connected with the appropriation made by the General Assembly to the World's Fair at Chicago. It is well known, that much discussion ensued in both branches relative to the matter, and it was by what may be termed, a "hard pinch" that it finally passed. In view of the demands upon the State Treasury, for the ordinary expenses of the government, and for the support of our different penal and charitable institutions, many members doubted the policy of making any appropriation at all. It was finally, as a species of compromise, agreed to vote the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, to be paid out of the amount allowed the State as reimbursement of direct taxes. This action was taken, on the current supposition, that a great deal of the tax funds would not be called for by claimants, and would finally go into the general State funds. There is no provision in the act, that if the amount so taken should be called for by claimants, the same should be paid out of the general fund. This would have removed all dubious features of the matter. Your correspondent has had an interview recently with the State Treasurer, and he incidentally gave it as his opinion, that, at least ninety per cent of the fund voted by Congress would be called for claimants. The rush upon the Treasury during the past few days, bears out this opinion, and it may be well expected, that Governor Holt will hesitate to carry out the provisions of the Act of Assembly, if there be any prospective danger of making inroads upon the people's money. The appropriation by North Carolina to the World's Fair, cannot be put down as a foregone conclusion under the circumstances.

The County Commissioners will meet in this city, to-morrow. The main object of the meeting is to afford an opportunity for all who are dissatisfied with the assessment of property, for taxation, to submit their complaints but, they will have another, and it may be a painful duty to perform. This will consist in submitting to the public, the total amount of the deficit in the accounts of ex-Sheriff Rowan Rogers. In this matter, it is but just to state, that there has been some reversal of public opinion, and, that that last week appeared to have been perhaps a simple error, is now generally conceded to be an undoubted shortage in the sheriff's account of between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

The Register of Deeds of this county, reports that there are fewer number of lien bonds being registered than for several years past, and that a majority of the crops given last year are being paid off.

There is no increase in the membership of the newly created tariff league, of this city. It remains an organization mainly of Federal office holders. Yesterday afternoon, Col. A. W. Shaffer, Post Master, Elihu White, Collector of Internal Revenue and others left for Asheville, to attend the gathering of the clan in that place.

The summer exodus to the seashore and mountains still continues. All who can conveniently do so, are taking a recreation.

The Evening Mirror made its appearance yesterday afternoon. It is a spicy little sheet, devoted almost entirely to local happenings. It is run by three practical printers, who seem to be sanguine of making it a success.

The new addition to the Yarboro House will be completed by 1st of September, at farthest.