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## WASHINGTON NEWS.

### GATHERED BY THE "LEADER'S" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 27.—The delegation from Mobile, Ala., is trying to get the Postoffice Department to include that city in the ports to be used by the subsidized lines of mail steamers, but it is not probable that it will succeed, in fact there seems to be a serious doubt as to whether any American ship owners, aside from the several established lines, will dare to put in bids under Swanmaker's advertisement.

Secretary Tracy has awarded the contract for building Cruiser No. 13, to the William Cramp & Son's Ship and Engine Building Company of Philadelphia. The price agreed upon is \$2,690,000, which was the price submitted by the Bath Iron Works of Maine. The Secretary says the contract was given the Cramps because of their superior facilities for building the vessel, which he estimated will save at least one year's time. When completed the vessel is to make not less than twenty-one knots per hour, which will make her one of the speediest vessels in the world.

There are signs of great activity among the friends of Secretary Blaine and there are reasons for believing that a quiet organized movement is to be started having for its object the election of delegates to the Republican National Convention who will go there pledged to nominate Blaine, whether he consents or not. It will not be strange if Mr. J. S. Clarkson, president of the Republican League of Clubs, should be put forward by this movement as a running mate for Mr. Blaine.

A story that belongs to the "important if true" class is in circulation here. It says that when Secretary Proctor becomes Senator Edmunds' successor, ex Gov. Cheney, of Vermont, is to become Secretary of War. This story was discredited at first, because it was thought that Mr. Harrison would, if Secretary Proctor becomes Senator, take advantage of the opportunity of strengthening his party in the north-west by selecting a man from that section for Secretary of War, but it appears that Senator Chandler and other New Englanders who are relied upon to send Harrison delegates to the National Convention, have served notice that Secretary Proctor must be succeeded by a New England man and Mr. Harrison's predilection for Gov. Cheney has caused him to be selected. The source from which the story emanated is one that is friendly to Mr. Harrison, and for that reason it finds many believers.

Representative Crisp, in making his canvass for the Speakership of the House, has managed to arouse the enmity of a considerable number of more or less influential men in his party, although friendship for some of the other candidates has probably had more to do with the enmity of these gentlemen than anything that Mr. Crisp has actually done; that is to say as far as your correspondent knows. He is charged by those opposed to his candidacy with having done many things, not the least of which are what they claim are his promises of chairmanships of committees and places on the most prominent committees in exchange for promises of votes for himself for Speaker.

This promising of committee places and chairmanships is doubtless a very reprehensible practice, but it would be perfectly safe to say that every one of the prominent candidates has made similar promises, and it is certain that no Speaker of either party has ever been elected, without having done precisely the same thing. Giving Mr. Crisp all that his most sanguine friends claim for him, he is still considerably short of enough votes pledged to control the democratic caucus. Another charge, and a far more serious one, is made against him, and if it can be proven it alone will defeat him. That is, that he is the candidate of the lobbyists. The dem-

ocrat who made this charge says that he will prove it at the proper time, if it is necessary to defeat Crisp. That is all that I know about it. Judge Crisp has always been regarded as an honorable man, and anything connecting him with lobbyists would certainly create much surprise here, and the evidence will have to be of the most indisputable kind in order to obtain credence in Washington.

Mr. H. W. Ayer, in charge of the Farmers' Alliance bureau of information here, says the circular which is being sent to the farmers does not contain either advice or suggestion, as the farmers are entirely capable of doing their own thinking. The business of the bureau is to lay the facts before the farmers, and that's what this circular does concerning the cereal crop of the world this year, and they can act on the information by holding back their crops if they see fit, and if they can hold back half or even a third of the crop they will doubtless profit largely by securing better prices. Mr. Ayer says it is simply ridiculous to charge that the bureau is trying to organize a wheat trust, and that it is simply trying to give the farmer a pointer that will enable him to get better prices for his wheat.

## FOREIGN NEWS.

### Brief Mentioning of the Doings in the Old World.

The House of Commons on last Wednesday voted \$300,000, for the relief of the poor in Ireland.

The English rifle team won the Kolapore Cup at Bisley, England, last Wednesday, by a score of 679. The Canadians were second, with 672 points.

Prince Victor Emmanuel, Prince of Naples, eldest son of the King of Italy, arrived in England last Wednesday and was met by the Prince of Wales and the Italian Ambassador.

The population of France is now 38,095,150, an increase since the last census of 208,584. The rural population has decreased.

Damages to the amount of \$150,000 was done last Thursday to the Abdin Palace, Cairo, Egypt.

The Canadian riflemen have taken prizes amounting to \$581 in the tournament at Bisley, Eng.

Sixteen workmen were killed last Friday at Szalatina, Hungary, by the falling of a church tower.

Workmen out of employment by the depression caused by the United States tariff legislation, set fire to a cork factory at Evora, Spain, on Sunday, causing great damage.

Famine has been averted in North west India by copious rains.

A serious collision took place between two excursion trains at St. Maude, France, on Sunday. Both trains were returning from a musical festival at Fontenoy. Fifteen dead bodies have been so far recovered and it is thought that many more are in the wreck. Over 60 injured persons have been taken from the ruins.

There has been an increase in the area of the flooded districts in Moravia and Silesia. The Vistula and the March, near Olmutz, are a mile wide, and much land is submerged. In the Tyrolean Alps large tracts of land have been devastated by avalanches, which have fallen into the valleys and caused great damage.

A cable from Paris says that an attempt has recently been made on the life of President Carnot's wife. An infernal machine was sent to her through the mails, but suspicion being aroused the machine was so handled that it failed to explode.

Arthur Brand, Gladstonian Liberal, has received a majority of 260 over Duncan, Conservative, in the recent election in the Wisbeck division, Cambridgeshire. The result was a great surprise to both parties.

According to information received at Geneva from Murren, Henry M. Stanley, the explorer has just met with a serious accident, having fractured his left ankle joint by accidentally slipping while mountain climbing.

## THE STATE CAPITAL.

### LEADING TOPICS OF THE WEEK AT RALEIGH.

RALEIGH, N. C., July 28.—A large portion of our mercantile community are now in the throes of the dull trade, and the city presents anything else than a bustling community. The summer season is fast passing off, and even now many of the retail dealers are taking account of stock preparatory to going North for fall purchases. It may be said, however, in advance, that the poor prospect for a full crop, is causing business men to view the mercantile situation with something like distrust, and the large purchases of last season will hardly be repeated this year.

The lull in business at the Capital, reported last week, has not in any material respect been improved. If the bustle incident to the payment of warrants for direct taxes be excluded, there is hardly anything to report. The rush in this respect, however, has not abated, and the paying teller as well as the Governor's private secretary, have their hands full. Up to noon to-day, the number of warrants issued altogether, will run up over twenty-two hundred, representing an aggregate of about \$50,000. This is far ahead of what was, at first expected and confirms Gov. Holt in his decision to withhold any payment towards the World's Fair, as recommended by the Attorney General. It is now almost considered certain, that seven-eighths of the fund will be called for by survivors or their representatives.

The Commissioners of this county, and, it can be supposed of others, are having rather a tough time with the merchants in the matter of listing their purchases under Schedule B, commonly known as the Merchants Purchase Tax. That there has existed a strong opposition to this feature of the Revenue bill, is undeniable, is evidenced by the large number of applications for its repeal presented to each General Assembly. At the late session the opposition was even more spirited than ever, and, on one occasion brought forth "bad blood" in the Senate Chamber. The opposition was led by Senator Bellamy, of New Hanover, who declared in prophetic tones that it would be violently resisted through the courts from the lowest to the highest. This prediction has been verified recently at Wilmington, and the case will probably be carried to the Supreme Court at its coming fall session. Pending this, however, many of the merchants here are holding back, notwithstanding the delinquents have been summoned before the Board of Commissioners, to show cause why the penalty of the law shall not be inflicted. It is a vexed question, and, has caused some little excitement here, in mercantile circles.

W. H. J. Goodwin, one of our most prosperous farmers, of this vicinity, has invented a cotton chopper, for which he has applied for a patent. It is claimed that it will chop one side of ten acres of cotton per day. Mr. Goodwin has the assurance that the patent will be forthcoming and it is his purpose to have the chopper in full operation at the Inter-State Exposition.

One of the most successful excursions of the season, will be run from here to Richmond, Va., next week, (Wednesday Aug. 5th.) The fare for the round trip is only \$2.50, and the managers say they must carry over a thousand from this city and as many more from intermediate points.

Col. Thos. B. Keogh, who was in the city yesterday, says, that North Carolina has been given a most beautiful site at the World's Fair in Chicago. He is much concerned about its appropriation from our State, and thinks if it is withheld, it will be a source of much mortification. He however, attaches no blame to Governor Holt, as he feels that the Governor has decided in strict accordance with what he deems his duty in the premises.

## WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY.

### HAPPENINGS IN THIS COUNTRY FOR THE PAST WEEK.

#### Thursday, July 23.

Lieut. John F. Meigs, of the United States Navy, has been in the service twenty-nine years, is to be retired from active duty.

The Kimball & Champ Investment Company, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, made an assignment yesterday afternoon. Their assets are placed at from \$400,000 to \$500,000 and the liabilities at \$125,000.

Dr. Austin W. Holden, the historian, of Warren county, N. Y., and a well-known Mason, was buried at Glen Falls, N. Y., yesterday, with Masonic honors.

The editor of the Southern Alliance, published at Atlanta, Ga., has been arrested, charged with violating the postal laws in re-publishing an editorial from the San Francisco Examiner. This editorial is said to be a lottery advertisement.

An extra session of the Tennessee legislature has been called by the Governor who, in his call, has recommended that the convict lease system be modified or repealed.

#### Friday, July 24.

A truce was declared yesterday by the Tennessee miners at Briceville, pending the Governor's proposition.

The grand jury of New York have found an indictment against Charles O. C. Hennessy, city editor of the New York Daily News, charging him with disdemeanor for publishing an account of the recent electrocution at Sing Sing.

A telegram from West Point, Neb., says: The greatest flood in this city's history, occurred here Wednesday last almost completely submerging the business part of the city.

The U. S. Treasury shipped three hundred thousand dollars in small notes to Chicago, for use in the movement of crops.

The General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, in session at Minneapolis, Minn., yesterday morning elected Joseph P. Horner, of New Orleans, General Grand High Priest, for the ensuing triennial period. Three hundred delegates are present.

#### Saturday, July 25.

R. G. Dun & Co's weekly review of trade says: Some improvement in the business situation is still noted. There is more actual trade in most of the leading branches and more general confidence as to the future. But the monetary situation does not grow clearer, and the decline in stocks, notwithstanding the great dullness and with enormous crops coming, marks a feeling of Wall street that difficulties may be not far ahead. Business failures for the past week 254, against 274 last week.

The consecration of Rev. Phillips Brooks, D.D., to the bishopric of the Diocese of Massachusetts, will take place in the City church, Boston, on Wednesday, October 14.

The census report shows the United States to be the largest producer of copper in the world, its product for the year 1889 being 226,055,962 pounds.

The Columbian Oil Company, of Chicago, with branches at Memphis, Owatonna, Minn., has been placed in the hands of a receiver. The company was organized on June 1st, of this year, with a capital of \$1,000,000.

#### Sunday, July 26.

New York banks now hold \$19,710,325 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent. rule.

Fire destroyed the entire plant of the big textile mill of Campbell & Elhott at Philadelphia, Friday night. The loss is estimated at from \$650,000 to \$750,000 and the insurance is placed at \$300,000.

Richmond, Va., and Nashville, Tenn., have been raised by order of Acting Postmaster General Whitfield

to postoffices of the first class, with free delivery, the census of 1890 showing that they are entitled to this distinction. Ten other cities were raised at the same time.

Dallas, Texas, was visited, by a destructive fire yesterday morning. The following places of business were totally destroyed: J. B. Cannon & Co's liquor house, the Henbrook School Furniture Company's establishment, the Brewers Storage Company's warehouse and Wolfe & Company's cotton gin. Sanger & Company had 500 bales of cotton in this gin, which were also lost. The loss by a rough estimate is placed at \$2,000,000.

#### Monday, July 27.

A fire at New r. News on Saturday night destroyed a whole block of twenty-eight buildings. The Washington Hotel and a three-story brick building were among the number. Two ladies and two children are reported to have died of fright. Loss estimated at \$50,000.

Orrington Lunt, of Evanston, Ill., has given \$50,000 to the Northwestern University of that city for the erection of a new library building.

Otto Schendruve, a trusted assistant to the cashier of the Werner Printing and lithographing Co., at Akron, O., ran off Saturday with \$2,000 belonging to the company. Schendruve is only eighteen years of age.

Judge Hiram C. Clark, a well known retired lawyer and local historian of Jamestown, N. Y., died at Provincetown, Mass. on Saturday, aged 75. He was judge for many years during the Vigilance Committee's rule in 1849 in San Francisco.

A wreck on the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton railroad excursion train near Middleton, O., on Sunday night, killed three persons and seriously injured four others.

#### Tuesday, July 28.

The steeple of the United Presbyterian Church, at Greenville, Pa., was struck by lightning on Sunday morning while the pastor, Rev. J. C. Seuley, was delivering his sermon. The steeple was badly shattered and created quite a serious panic among the congregation. No one was injured.

Two Italians and one negro were killed and several wounded in a battle between negroes and Italian workmen employed on the Norfolk & Western railroad, in Logan county, West Virginia. The fight took place last Saturday and it is feared that more trouble will follow.

The first bale of the new crop of Georgia cotton, classed about strict low middling, raised in Dougherty county, was sold at public auction in front of the N. Y. Cotton Exchange, at seven cents per pound.

A dispatch from Victoria, B. C., reports that the sealing schooner E. B. Marvin, was seized by the U. S. cutter Rush, and turned over to the British war ship Nymph, by whom she was ordered home. The Marvin arrived at Victoria on Sunday.

#### Wednesday, July 29.

Four prisoners escaped yesterday from the military prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, by tunnelling under the east wall of the prison.

A small boiler used in the repair shop of the Hill City Oil Mill, at Vicksburg, Miss., exploded yesterday and killed the engineer and fireman.

Stephen A. Ryan, a young dry goods merchant of Atlanta, Ga., who recently failed for \$2,000,000 has been sent to the county jail by Judge Gaber, to be held there until he turns over \$120,000 in cash, proven to be in his possession, to his creditors.

Samuel Sands, who is said to have been the oldest printer in the country, died at his home in Baltimore, yesterday, in his 92nd year. He had been in active service as printer, editor or publisher ever since his apprenticeship began in 1811.

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## WORLD'S FAIR NOTES.

### GREAT INTEREST MANIFESTED THROUGHOUT EUROPE.

Walker Foarn, Chief of Foreign Affairs has arrived at headquarters and is organizing his bureau.

The arrival of the National European Commission in London, seems already to have given a new impetus to foreign interest in the Exposition. On July 28th the commission begins a tour of England and Ireland.

The Wisconsin State Board has advertised for plans for a two story building which shall not cost more than \$30,000. The building is to be exclusively of Wisconsin materials.

Japan is preparing to make a magnificent display. An imperial ordinance has just been issued authorizing the organization of a special exhibition bureau. Mr. Sate the Japanese editor deputed by the Mikado's Empire, to gather information in regard to the Columbian Exposition, is now in Chicago gathering material, to be translated into the Japanese language.

The Highland Association has made application for fifteen or twenty acres on which to give exhibitions of Scottish Games. The Exposition Management are inquiring into the terms upon which the required space, can be secured adjacent to the grounds.

Texas Building will be a reproduction of the ancient Spanish mission of San Jose, and it is possible to perfectly reproduce by use of staff, the effect of adobe, the original material.

The National Youth's World's Fair Association has been organized in Vermont, and is rigorously pushing towards the perfection of its plans.

The Prince of Wales will take a practical part in the consultations of England's commission. It is also announced that Sir Henry Wood will visit Chicago in September, accompanied by James Dredge, to organize the British section of the World's Fair.

Texas has decided to set apart a spacious room in its Exposition building for an exhibit by the colored people of the State.

James Allison of Cincinnati has been chosen Chief of the Department of Manufactures, and Willard A. Smith Chief of the Department of Transportation. Prof. W. L. Tomlins has been commissioned Choral Director of the Exposition.

Prof. Tomlins, Choral Director of the Exposition, is in England and will invite a number of the great English choral societies to participate in the dedication ceremonies of the Exposition buildings in October, 1892. The auditorium for choral music has been located in the north court of the manufactures building.

George Ward, manager of the Commercial Cable Company, writes to Chief Barrett that he will make a big display at the Exposition of cable instruments. He expects to show a complete repairing steamer, illustrating the method of repairing cables.

The London Times, in a long review of the Exposition, says there can be no doubt now that the Exposition will surpass in many respects all exhibitions previously held. English manufacturers are urged to make large displays.

The New Orleans Machinery Company writes to Chief Buchanan that it will make a complete exhibit of cotton gins, sugar mills and other machinery at the Exposition. Another interesting invention that this company will bring is the first cotton gin made by Eli Whitney, which was invented in 1790.

Alabama may be represented in miniature at the Exposition by a series of comprehensive relief maps. A man at Mobile has brought out this scheme and proposes to show the mineral deposits, cotton belt, vegetable farms and everything else of interest in the State on a series of maps covering 20,000 square feet.

Twenty-nine States and Territories have made appropriations for exhibits