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## WASHINGTON NEWS.

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

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 31.—Secretary Foster, who has been credited with having been taken into the Cabinet for the special purpose of Mr. Harrison's campaign for renomination, has if current talk is true, undertaken a very delicate piece of work. He leaves here Wednesday for New York, where he will go aboard of a friend's steam yacht, ostensibly to take a two week's cruise for rest and recreation, but, according to the story, in reality to proceed directly to Bar Harbor, where, as Mr. Harrison's personal and confidential representative, he is to confer with Mr. Blaine and endeavor to get a direct answer from that gentleman as to whether he will accept the republican nomination next year if it is tendered him. Should the answer be in the affirmative Mr. Harrison will shortly announce his withdrawal as a candidate for renomination and the administration influence will be used to make Mr. Blaine's nomination unanimous. Should the answer be in the negative Secretary Foster will endeavor to persuade Mr. Blaine to make public his determination not to be a candidate under any circumstances, and his preference for Mr. Harrison. It is noticeable that many prominent republicans who have previously opposed Mr. Blaine's Presidential aspirations are now in favor of his nomination, and that is what has caused Mr. Harrison to think that the time has come when either he or Mr. Blaine should formally announce the position they occupy in this matter. Ordinarily such stories as this are smiled at in Washington, but owing to the source from which this one emanated and other circumstances, it is generally accepted as being nearly or quite true. Should Mr. Blaine decide to accept the nomination his remaining in the Cabinet is problematical and would depend largely upon Mr. Harrison.

The death of ex-Senator Pomeroy, of Kansas, was a striking reminder to the old-timers of the ups and downs of political life. For a considerable period Senator Pomeroy was the idol of his party in Kansas, and in those days his party was practically the only one in that State, besides wielding a forcible influence in the national party councils, but there came a dark cloud in the shape of charges of bribery and corruption, which although never proved, either in a court of law or before the Senate committee that investigated them, yet resulted in defeating him for re-election to the Senate and in destroying completely his political influence. After serving out his second term in the Senate he settled down in Washington and became known as a lobbyist, whether he actually was a lobbyist is more than your correspondent can say.

The delegates to the International Congress of Geologists, which finishes a week's session here tomorrow, will on Wednesday start on a six thousand mile excursion tendered them by generous Uncle Sam. Many of the delegates are distinguished foreigners.

Washington turned out Saturday night to see the Union Veterans who had just returned from the annual meeting of the Union, which decided upon this city as its next meeting place, the time to be the same as the G. A. R. Encampment of 1892. Gen. S. S. Yoder, the newly elected Grand Commander of the Union was present.

Where the flesh pots are there will be the hungry gather, and the fragrance of the \$7,500 per annum which goes along with the vacancy in the Board of Inter State Commerce Commissioners caused by the recent death of W. L. Bragg, of Alabama, seems to have extended to nearly every State in the Union, for there are candidates from nearly all of them; from some of them a half a dozen. Among the most prominent of the candidates are Congressmen Herbert, of Alabama, and Culbertson, of Texas; ex-Senator Reagan, of Texas; ex-Attorney General

Garland, of Arkansas; Gen. E. S. Bragg, of Wisconsin, and Judge A. H. Morrill, and Col. Shorter, of Alabama, all democrats. There was some talk here a few days ago of pushing an Alliance man for this place, but if anything is being done, it is very quietly, and no formal application has been put in. Under the law the place must be filled by a democrat, but it would be an easy matter for Mr. Harrison, if so inclined, to find a democrat who is also an Alliance man, but will he do it?

## WORLD'S FAIR NOTES.

### A Steady Progress of the Work in the Various Departments.

It is reported that the Prince of Wales, Emperor William of Germany, and the Shah of Persia all seriously contemplate visiting the World's Fair in 1893.

The managers of the great naval exhibition at Chelsea, Eng., have consented to allow the model of Nelson's ship, the 'Victory,' to be transferred to the Columbian Exposition.

More than \$5,000,000 worth of the Exposition work is now contracted for and is in progress.

A movement has been inaugurated by the Sons of the Revolution in New York to have October 12th celebrated throughout the world each year as 'Discovery Day.'

The \$10,000 painting of Christopher Columbus, executed by the famous Moro in 1840, and purchased in London by Charles F. Gunther, has arrived at the custom house in Chicago, and will be displayed at the Fair.

The Sultan of Zanzibar has decided to make an extensive exhibit, and a request for space has been cabled.

Massachusetts will devote \$10,000 to its educational exhibit. The State's entire appropriation is \$75,000.

Guatemala has appropriated \$100,000 in gold for its exhibit at the Exposition, and \$20,000 additional for its building.

Of the 106 counties in Kansas eighty-five have organized World's Fair associations for the purpose of raising their apportionment of the \$100,000 which Kansas started out to provide for its representation at the Exposition. Twenty-two counties have already raised their full share.

The Territorial convention of the Liberal party in Utah has voted to request the Legislature to appropriate not less than \$100,000 for the Territory's representation at the Exposition. It is reported that the democratic and republican conventions are certain to take similar action.

The photographers of the country want a separate building at the Exposition, adapted to a magnificent photographic exhibit collected from the whole world. A committee has been appointed to confer with the Exposition officials upon the subject.

Arkansas, at its recent World's Fair convention, which was a very enthusiastic one, adopted a plan of the stock company order whereby it expects to raise \$100,000 for its representation at the Fair.

No side shows are to be permitted within the Exposition grounds. The Directory has decided that the entrance fee shall entitle the visitor to see everything within the inclosure. There will be, however, several theatres built and kept running, at which the finest talent in the world, it is expected, will appear, and visitors who choose to attend the performances will have to pay an admission fee. Such sights as 'A Street in Cairo,' will be free, but natives of oriental countries in a few cases, will be allowed to charge a small fee to special performances of a theatrical nature.

Lieut. W. E. Safford, U. S. N., Special Commissioner of the World's Fair to Peru and Bolivia, has secured for the Latin-American department of the Exposition five samples of the ceremonial dresses of the Jiberos and Zaparos Indians. One of the Jiberos costumes is reported to surpass any of the dresses of savage tribes yet discovered.

## WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY.

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

#### Thursday, August 27

The North German Lloyd steamer Weimar arrived at Baltimore, Md., yesterday with 566 steerage passengers including 150 Jews banished from Russia.

An agreement has been arrived at between the Lake Erie & Western railroad striking employes and General Manager Bradbury. The men will return to work at once.

Most of the money stolen from the express car of the Georgia Central train last Thursday has been recovered by the detectives who have also arrested two men on suspicion of being implicated in the robbery.

A bill has been filed by the receiver of the Anniston, Ala., Savings and Safe Deposit Company against the directors of the company, charging them with neglect of their official duties.

The Georgia House of Representatives has, by a vote of 94 to 62, refused to accept for the State the Confederate Veterans' Home, erected by popular subscription at a cost of \$50,000. The subscription was started by the late Henry W. Grady.

#### Friday, August 28

The fine new steam yacht Conqueror, the property of Frederick W. Vanderbilt, has been seized by the U. S. Government for non-payment of \$30,500 duty.

Twenty-eight men have deserted from the U. S. warship Pensacola, at San Francisco. The men say that the ship is unseaworthy and that they will not go to China in her.

Gen. Dyreforth and his party are meeting with great success in their experiments throughout Texas. In every case, after using their explosives, rain has quickly followed. Cattlemen and farmers are jubilant.

The Bremaker, Moore Paper Company, at Louisville, Ky., made an assignment yesterday afternoon to A. S. Williams. Their liabilities are estimated at \$250,000 and assets about \$750,000. Stringency in the money market is given as the cause of the failure.

Postoffice Inspector Maynard has sworn out warrants at New Orleans for the arrest of John A. Morris, President Paul Conrad, and other Directors of the Louisiana State Lottery Company as well as the chief clerks in the New Orleans office. They are charged with violating the law in regard to the placing of lottery matter in the U. S. mails.

#### Saturday, August 29

Some delay was caused yesterday by serious washouts along the line of the New York Central railroad. The washouts were caused by cloudbursts.

The Secretary of the Treasury has turned over to the Governor of West Virginia \$27,328, being the amount of direct tax collected from individuals in Jefferson and Buckley counties.

A cyclone covering a space of a mile and a quarter long and an eighth of a mile wide, passed over the lower portion of Newark, N. J., yesterday afternoon, doing considerable damage to buildings and injuring a few persons, none seriously, however.

R. G. Dun & Co's weekly review of trade says: The exports of wheat for the week are about six times those of last year, though somewhat less of flour and much less of corn. The trade in cotton is slightly improved at New Orleans, and at Galveston the prospects are favorable. At Savannah rain for three weeks has affected the crop. Failures for the week 226 against 216 last week.

#### Sunday, August 30

A party of forty selected detectives from Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, under the leadership of U. S. Marshal Walker, are now on the way from Mobile to Burks, Tenn., where

they are going for the purpose of raiding stills and breaking up the Sims gang.

New York banks now hold \$12,768,175 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent rule.

Julian Binford, a wholesale and retail liquor dealer at Richmond, Va., has failed. His liabilities are estimated to be about \$13,000.

Two hundred bales of cotton were buried at Bellville, Texas, yesterday, on the platform of the Santa Fe railroad. Sparks from a passing locomotive caused the fire.

Senator Blackburn of Kentucky, was stricken with apoplexy at New Castle, about sixty miles from Louisville. He is said to be rapidly recovering from the attack.

#### Monday, August 31

A receiver has been appointed by Judge Clarke, at Atlanta, Ga., for the lumber firm of Austin & Boyleston at that place. It is claimed by the firm that they are solvent.

Asbury Park, N. J., was visited last night by a heavy northeast gale, driving the surf twelve to fifteen feet high along the coast. The beach has been badly cut in several places.

The United Brethren church at Bourbon, Ind., was entirely wrecked on Saturday night by an explosion of dynamite. No one knows who caused the explosion. The church will be rebuilt.

Mrs. Julia Fillmore Harris, the last survivor of a family of eight brothers and sisters, one of whom was Millard Fillmore, the thirteenth President of the United States, died last night at the residence of her son, Chas. Harris, in San Francisco. She was born in 1812.

#### Tuesday, September 1

An extra session of the Tennessee legislature convened at noon yesterday at Nashville.

The amount of 4 1/2 per cent. bonds continued at 2 per cent. up to date is \$23,221,650. This leaves about \$27,000,000 still outstanding.

The business portion of the town of Winnemucca, Nev., was burned on Sunday. Several fine buildings were destroyed including the gas works, newspaper office and a number of fine residences.

Eight of the Sims gang of outlaws have been captured by U. S. Marshal Walker and his posse and brought to Mobile, Ala. Six deputies are after Robert Sims the leader of the gang, whose whereabouts are known.

The Woodstock Iron Company's charcoal furnace No. 2, at Anniston, Ala., was entirely destroyed by fire yesterday. One hundred thousand bushels of charcoal were consumed. The loss will be about \$30,000, which amount is nearly covered by insurance.

#### Wednesday, September 2

Union cabinet makers to the number of about one thousand are on a strike for eight hours, at Chicago.

Governor Brown of Kentucky was inaugurated at noon yesterday, at Frankfort, Ky., with elaborate and impressive ceremonies.

Four passengers were killed and sixteen seriously injured, on Monday morning in an accident which happened on a Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis railroad near Troy, Perry county, Ind.

The large steam barge Morrelli came into collision with the little steam barge Jenks in the Detroit river near Grassy Island, last night. The Jenks sank immediately, carrying with her the captain's wife, the engineer and the fireman.

The east-bound Rio Grande train No. 4 was held up on Monday night by seven masked men near Cotopaxi, Col. The robbers after a determined resistance from the express messenger, gained access to the safe and took \$3,600 from the strong box. Pinkerton detectives are in hot pursuit.

## THE STATE CAPITAL.

### LEADING TOPICS OF THE WEEK AT RALEIGH.

RALEIGH, N. C., September 1.—There has been a good deal of quiet talk here since Sunday, by people in the secret, regarding the secret letters which are being sent out from Washington City, by Col. Polk, it is said. The letters are directly to the point. They show what course the promoters of the Third party are now steering, and they show what a hold they think they have upon the democrats. To every man known as an aspirant for political office or preferment these letters are being sent. They say to these persons that if they wish a nomination they must espouse the cause of the Third party. Your correspondent is the first to mention the fact that these letters, containing what may well be deemed a distinct challenge or threat, (for such it is) are being sent. The information comes strictly from a sterling democrat. It is a bold step and shows what a leverage Col. Polk thinks he has. It is said that these letters are going to other States than North Carolina also. One may be sure they will stir up the democrats and develop any aggressiveness in them, no matter how latent. There are some democrats who are very lukewarm and fearful and who tremble at the thought of the Third party. Let it be hoped that the number of such will steadily diminish.

Naturally the dreadful disaster near Statesville has been the theme of most talk in the past five days. This very talk has shown the extent of what may be termed the feeling against the roads. This has cropped out in all sorts of ways. Some persons went so far as to charge that the railway people had "doctored" the track after the accident, so as to shift the blame; certainly a very harsh charge and one never to be made without the best of proof. It is said that the verdict of the jury will say the road liable for heavy damages. The verdict is what may be termed a scattering one. It hits all in range. Some persons say the disaster will cost the road, first and last, half a million dollars. The Railway Commission is now considering the accident from its point of view. Chairman Wilson of the Commission says there is no question of the correctness of the jury's verdict, that the train was maliciously wrecked. There are good grounds for the belief that it was for purposes of robbery. There are plenty of people in this State sufficiently mean to commit such a crime.

Grand Sire Charles M. Busbee, of the Odd Fellows, who was taken to Baltimore last week, does not improve there as it was hoped he would. The physicians say he can be treated just as well here as there. He has not yet the full use of his limbs.

The farmers are not in good spirits—in sharp and unpleasant contrast to their state of mind last year. Wet weather, cool weather, floods and the army worm are enough to make them blue. The army worm is abundant in this section and devours the cotton leaves greedily. It is predicted that by next Saturday, when the crop report appears, these worms will be reported as at work over a wide area. Already they are all the way from here to Weldon. Paris green is the only thing to fight them with. Quantities of that poison has been sent to the State farms on the Roanoke near Weldon, to be thus used.

The next Baptist State Convention is to be held at Goldsboro, instead of at Raleigh, in October.

The colored agricultural and mechanical college is not yet located, but it is probable that Raleigh will be selected as the location. For many reasons it is but right that it should be here. Wilmington is thought to be second in the contest.

It begins to look very much like Raleigh will secure the once coveted Baptist State Female University. The people here do not put up the \$30,000 needed as a starter. There is a good deal of lukewarmness about the Uni-

versity, it appears, even among the most zealous Baptists. Perhaps they think it too ambitious an undertaking.

The State board of public charities, which has done such excellent work in organizing boards in 68 counties, has taken in hand the matter of a reformatory for youthful criminals. Your correspondent, in the course of frequent visits to the penitentiary, sees many of these young prisoners. It is always a pitiful sight. Some of the older convicts always take pleasure in debasing the younger ones and fill them with notions that in being criminals they are heroes. There are now 75 young convicts who ought not to be in the penitentiary, but in a State reformatory, where they could be given instruction and taught to work with their hands also, and under happier influences.

## FOREIGN NEWS.

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

The Barcelona Chamber of Commerce has decided to send a formal protest to the Government and Cortes against the new treaty with the United States on the ground that the treaty inflicts grave injury on the trade of Spain with Spanish West Indies.

A terrible thunder storm prevailed in the Trieste district Austria, last Wednesday. One church was struck by lightning and several people killed and injured.

Boulogne, France, was visited yesterday by a terrific hurricane which unroofed thirty houses.

The only surviving officer of the battle of Waterloo, General Whichcote, died on Wednesday in London, Eng.

Capt Andrews of the dory Mermaid, who started on an ocean race against the dory Sea Serpent, has reached Antwerp on the steamer Elbrug. He became exhausted in mid-ocean, and abandoned the race.

The Provincial debts of Italy amount to \$2,980,500,000 or \$103 for each inhabitant.

A revival of piracy is reported in the Eastern Mediterranean.

A London cablegram of August 27th says: Rain continued in torrents to-day in the midland and southern counties, but ceased at nightfall. The farmers have now lost all hope of a harvest.

The latest news from Chile is to the effect that the Congressional or insurgent forces have defeated the Government forces under Balmaceda and are now in possession of Valparaiso.

The German Government is gathering statistics as to the condition of the rye and wheat crops and, it is said, will very shortly suspend all duties on grain.

President Diaz of Mexico, has appointed Joseph Ives Limantour, Minister Plenipotentiary, to arrange a commercial reciprocity treaty with the United States.

The Empress of Austria has shown signs of insanity.

Switzerland has again been visited by a railroad disaster, this time in Zurich, where on last Monday, a passenger train coming into the depot at that place ran into another train which was standing there. Four passenger cars were wrecked and many persons injured.

A typhoon, said to be the most violent that has visited the Oriental seas in years, is reported by a steamer from Japan. About 250 lives were lost.

The Constantinople correspondent of the London Standard says: The Sultan has yielded to all of Russia's demands respecting the Dardanelles, which henceforth will be open to Russian vessels when closed to others.

It is reported in Paris that Henry E. Abbey is negotiating for the purchase of the Mariposa, a fast steamer, to convey Mme. Bernhardt and the company he has engaged as her support in their coming tour around the world.

Emperor William has left Berlin to meet Emperor Francis Joseph.