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## WASHINGTON NEWS.

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

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 7.—Secretary Noble has gone to Cape May Point to confer with Mr. Harrison about the opening of the Oklahoma Indian lands, the vacancy upon the Inter-State Commerce Commission, and other important matters pending before his department. Mr. Harrison is expected to return about the 15th inst., but some of these matters required immediate attention.

The most striking feature that has yet cropped out in the Speakership contest was the publication of a long editorial attack upon Representative Crisp's candidacy in the Sunday "Gazette," a democratic paper edited by Gen. Duncan S. Walker, who was Secretary of the National Democratic Committee in the Hancock campaign. The strongest point made against Crisp is that among his principal supporters are those democrats who favor a policy of inaction in the Fifty-second Congress. Gen. Walker takes the ground that the election of Crisp to the Speakership will prove disastrous to the democratic party. It is generally understood here that Gen. Walker favors the election of Mr. Mills.

When Secretary Tracy returned from Cape May Point Saturday, he brought instructions from Mr. Harrison to the acting Secretary of State directing him to cable instructions to Minister Egan to recognize the new Chilean government. This ends a rather interesting chapter of diplomacy in which gold, as well as brains, was largely employed.

Today is being celebrated as "Labor Day" here by a large parade of the labor organizations. It is not a legal holiday, but a work upon which organized labor is employed, except at the Government Printing Office, is at a stand still.

Secretary Rusk never did an official act that reflected more credit upon him as a manly man, than when he took time, amid the showers of congratulations that were pouring in by wire upon him on account of the news of the German Imperial decree rescinding the restrictions upon American pork products, to write to his political opponent, Representative W. H. Hatch of Missouri, the following letter: "It gives me great pleasure to inform you that I have been notified by the representative of the German government in this country that Germany has this day removed its prohibition against the admission of American pork into that country. I feel assured that you, as a representative of the farming interest of this country, will rejoice with me at this event. The thanks of the farmers of the country are due to you for your efforts in their behalf, and especially your advocacy before the House of Representatives of the 51st Congress of the meat inspection bill, without which the above result could not have been obtained."

Governor Fifer, of Illinois, and his official staff were given a public reception here Saturday night. They stopped here after dedicating the Illinois monuments on Gettysburg battlefield.

Mr. Webster Flanagan, of Texas, whose question in the Republican National Convention of 1880—"What are we here for?"—raised a smile which extended across the continent, has had that question answered to his satisfaction, although he had to wait a long time for the answer. He has been appointed Collector of Customs at El Paso, Texas, and as he is what is known as a "practical politician" it is thought that his appointment is a direct bid by Mr. Harrison for the Texas delegation to the next convention. So too, the appointment of the negro, J. S. Durham, of Philadelphia, to be U. S. Minister to Hayti, is regarded as a bid for the colored delegates to that convention. There is no certainty that either of these suppositions are true, but so long as Presidents are allowed a second term everything that is done by them during their first term is taken both by their

friends and foes to have a bearing upon their second nomination and it generally does have such a bearing.

Every day rumor presents the name of a new man who is for the time being certain of becoming the next Secretary of War, but it is not probable that Mr. Harrison will name his choice, and no other counts, for some weeks, certainly not until Secretary Proctor shall have formally resigned, and that may not be until the first of November, as that is the date when he will become a Senator.

Representative Mills, who is now here, says there is no foundation in the report telegraphed from New York that he and McMillan were trying to make a combination and dicker with the House clerkship for the purpose of getting control of the New York delegation. He says he will make a deal with no one and that he will sink or swim solely on his merits. He does not figure on being nominated on the first ballot in the House caucus, but he appears to be confident of ultimate success.

## WORLD'S FAIR NOTES.

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

Designs for the official seal required by the Board of Lady Managers, are pouring in at headquarters.

The Queen of England has issued her proclamation appointing the permanent World's Fair Commission.

In order to make the utmost of the brief time abroad, the Special Commission divided, Maj. Hardy and Maj. Butterworth going to Austria; Messrs. Ford and Peck, to Sweden, and Judge Lindsay and Mr. Bullock, to Switzerland. Reassembling at Amsterdam, they go in a body to Belgium, thence to London, sailing for home on the 5th of September.

The proposed change in the Manufacturers building relates only to the interior, the exterior remaining unaltered, as in the accepted design. The reason for the contemplated change in the interior plan, is that although the outer walls of the building cover about thirty acres, the sub-division, inner courts and interesting walls, left only 12½ acres of clear floor for exhibition purposes. This sounds rather large for one building, but was in fact totally inadequate, and the suggested alteration in the plan will give nearly twice as much. The change under consideration is the elimination of all inner walls, and the abandonment of the suppressed dome, the entire building to be roofed in by one vast stretch of glass. This would give a grand unbroken hall of stupendous proportions, 1633 feet long and nearly 800 feet wide.

The Board of Lady Managers have invited designs from women sculptors for the sculpture for the Woman's Building. The designs must be submitted in the form of miniature models or in original drawings in pencil, ink, or water color, and must be delivered at the office of the President of the Board, not later than November 15th, 1891. The required designs are: First, one group of figures in high relief to fill the pediment over the main entrance, 45 feet long at the base line, and 7 feet in the centre. Second, the group of statues standing free above the attic cornice, resting on bases which are five feet long, three feet deep and two feet high, and sixty feet from the ground. These groups consist of a central winged figure standing about ten feet high to the tip of its wings, and supported by smaller sitting figures. Two designs are required for these. These compositions should be typical of women and woman's work in history. Each design submitted shall be accompanied by an estimate of the cost of full-sized plaster models, delivered at Jackson Park in Chicago. The authors of the accepted design will be awarded the contract for the execution of these full-sized models. Provided the estimate be satisfactory to the chief of construction.

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## THE STATE CAPITAL.

### LEADING TOPICS OF THE WEEK AT RALEIGH.

RALEIGH, N. C., September 8.—A conservative estimate of the direct loss caused by the recent freshets, for there were two, near together, puts it at a million and a half dollars.

Eight thousand State warrants to cover payments of the direct tax have passed through the Governor's office up to to-day.

While the number of students at the Agricultural and Mechanical College is not as large at the opening as was expected, yet it is very creditable. Owing to ignorance, a great many persons do not yet understand the college. When they do its number of pupils and its capacity for usefulness will be more than doubled. The number of students now present is 82. There is a little disappointment that there are not more.

There is no doubt now that it is going to take very active work to get all the exhibits in place at the Exposition here, which Gov. Holt is to open at noon on October 1st. Mr. Patrick claims that the entire display will be ready by that day. Patrick is the Exposition, by the way. He is a singular man in all sorts of ways, but has the energy of a steam engine. He is broad in his ideas, but economical in his methods, and can do a great deal on a little money.

Fred Douglas is to speak at the Exposition to the negroes. They have their own exhibit and he can have full swing. Nine years ago Douglas was here and spoke at one of the colored State fairs. He was going to make a speech political in tone, telling the negroes, perhaps, how "downtrodden and opposed" they were. But Gov. Jarvis spoke first and so took the wind out of Douglas' sails that the latter's speech was a very flat affair. How any speaker can allude to a North Carolina negro as downtrodden, passes comprehension.

Some of the county exhibits in the South Carolina section of the Exposition will be handsome and effective. Of the other States none save Florida have much space. Some will evidently have small exhibits. It is to be regretted that all of them could not have taken a good amount of space and filled it.

Some of the Alliance men are thorough believers in Col. Polk and other leaders, and the attacks on the latter make them violently angry. Polk has sent word to his paper here, to stop the warfare with the News and Observer. Many of the moderate members of the Alliance have a distrust of Polk. President Marion Butler is, or appears to be conservative. He is here this week, and will probably restrain the impetuous State Secretary, who boils over with wrath in a weekly paper he publishes. There is no doubt that Butler, like some other thinking Alliance men, does not want to see the "Alliance apostles" from the West at work here in North Carolina. These agitators are stirring up strife. The Third party means death to democracy in North Carolina and they know it. It is surmised that a stop will be put to the "missionary work" of these men from Kansas and elsewhere. Polk is in Kansas this week, and as an Alliance man said to-day, appears to swing like a pendulum between that State and North Carolina.

The railway commission has fully considered the matter of the wreck at Third Creek, but will not make any report until the end of the year, as it thinks it discourteous and improper to report to the public before reporting to the Governor. It is pretty clear, however, that the commission believes that a rail was taken up. The commissioners may have to act as arbitrators in this case, and say that if they announced the result of their finding now, it might pre-judge the case.

The Governor has appointed delegates to the annual congress of the National Prison Association at Pittsburgh, Pa., October 10 to 15, and to the National Farmers' Congress at

Sedalia, Mo., November 10.

Gov. Holt has regularly occupied the executive mansion, which has been partially refitted. The upper floor of the building has never been entirely completed, nor is it furnished at all.

Among the arrivals at the penitentiary during the past few days is Alex. Morton, a negro woman, with a man's name, who is a murderess, but who got off with sentence of manslaughter—20 years. She murdered a white woman, her rival in a white man's affections, near Kinston. She is quite well educated.

State Auditor Sanderlin, who was in the recent terrible accident, is resting very quietly here. He is bruised from head to foot. The skin was torn diagonally across his stomach. It is a wonder that the heavy fall did not mash so stout a man as he. It will be weeks before he is himself again.

## FOREIGN NEWS.

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

The marriage of Miss Mary Lincoln, daughter of Hon. Robert T. Lincoln, U. S. Minister to Great Britain, to Mr. Charles B. Isham, of Chicago, took place last Wednesday at Brampton Parsonage church, London.

The well known Strule stables at Ayr, Scotland, were entirely destroyed by fire Wednesday night. Nine valuable race horses perished in the flames.

The crops in Scotland have suffered greatly from the recent storms which have swept over Great Britain. It is thought that the damage will amount to fifty per cent.

A Shanghai cable says that a riot broke out at Ichang on Tuesday. All the missions and foreign property were burned. No fatalities are reported.

The Italian Government, it is said, will try to bring about the abolition of Cardinal Pacca's edict forbidding the exportation of the works of the old masters.

The commerce of Italy has fallen off in the seven months up to August 1st, over \$20,000,000 in imports and \$4,000,000 in exports.

The progress in the landslide in the valley of the Drave, in Austria, has slackened, the rocks blocking the current have been blown up by dynamite, and the threatened disaster has been averted.

The Town Hall of Somers, Hungary, was blown down by an explosion of gasoline last week. The building was wrecked and three persons were fatally injured.

M. D'Hubert and M. Durant, editors of rival papers, fought a duel near Paris on Thursday. D'Hubert was wounded in the face.

The New Zealand House of Representatives has passed a bill giving residential suffrage to women, and qualifying them for election to Parliament.

By Thursday's storm, in France, four persons were killed and market gardens near Paris were much damaged.

Freeman's Journal, Dublin, reports a very bad outlook for crops. Wheat, barley and oats are rotting and potatoes are getting black. The blight is general. County Cork suffers least from the effects of the bad weather.

A Paris dispatch says, the Provisional Government of Chile will send a circular letter to the Powers and to all countries appearing disposed to recognize the present administration of Chile.

The military authorities have decided to place two revolving turrets at the Fort York redoubt, Halifax, N. S. One will be placed at the southern extremity of the fort and the other at the northern end. Each turret will be made of stone and will hold four sixty-ton guns.

During the voyage of the Servia which arrived at Queenstown on Sunday last, from New York, a stowage passenger committed suicide and was buried at sea.

## WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY.

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

#### Thursday, September 3

Charles Emory Smith, United States Minister to Russia, sailed for Europe yesterday on the City of New York.

Three hundred delegates are in attendance on the Colored Men's State Convention now being held at Houston Texas.

The strike on the Lafayette division of the Lake Erie & Western railroad, was renewed yesterday. The men have made some new demands upon General Manager Bradbury which he has not conceded.

W. S. Dashiell, of Richmond, Va., has been held to appear before the grand jury to answer to charges of forgery. He is charged with forging the name of J. L. Ludwig, of Pittsburgh, Pa., to four promissory notes.

Another victim has been added to the already long list of casualties attending ball-on ascensions. This time the report comes from Oswego, N. Y., the victim being Geo. R. Woods who was assisting in holding the balloon. When it was let go Woods got entangled in the ropes and was taken seventy feet into the air. He fell this distance and was instantly killed.

#### Friday, September 4

A fire at Attalla, Ala., yesterday, destroyed property valued at \$100,000. The insurance was small.

Seventeen blocks, composing the best portion of the town of The Dalles, Oregon, was wiped out by fire on Wednesday. The loss will foot up about \$420,000.

An injunction has been granted in Boston restraining the Suffolk Trust Company from doing any business, John Haskell Butler, of Boston, has been appointed receiver.

The Guthrie, Oklahoma, Board of Trade has sent twenty freight cars, handsomely decorated and containing 25,000 bushels of wheat and a big lot of watermelons, to Chicago, for an advertisement.

Official notice has been received by Secretary Rusk from the German Government, of the fact that the embargo has been raised on American pork. The agreement also gives the United States the same schedule as regards farm products as that enjoyed by Russia.

#### Saturday, September 5

There were 1,494,000 ounces of silver offered to the Government yesterday, and the amount purchased was 878,000 ounces, at .9820@.9825.

H. Murray, a colored desperado who has killed seven men in the past few months, was himself killed early yesterday morning by a seventeen year old colored boy named Early. Rewards to the amount of \$1,500 had been offered for his body.

Another express robbery is reported from San Francisco. Thursday night the Los Angeles express was held up near Modesta, Cal., by two masked men, who after several shots had been fired by both sides, retired without securing any booty. Detective Len Harris of Los Angeles was wounded by the robbers, who have as yet eluded capture.

R. G. Dun & Co's weekly review of trade says: Business improves in all sections at the South, partly because of the injury to the cotton crop and the consequent advance in price. Exports from New York in five weeks exceed last year's nearly 31 per cent. Imports have also increased but the balance of trade turns decidedly in favor of the United States. Failures for the week 217 against 226 last week.

#### Sunday, September 6

Thirteen train robbers are said to have been killed by rangers who followed them through the mountain passes. The report comes from Uvalde, Texas, and relates to the robbers who secured about \$20,000 from an express

car on the Southern Pacific railroad recently.

New York banks now hold \$9,165,700 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent rule.

The Staunton, Va., Shoe Company assigned yesterday, giving liabilities about \$22,000 and assets about the same.

A special from Florence, Ala., says that the cotton crop in Alabama has deteriorated about 20 per cent. in the past week, owing to cool weather, rust, etc.

The Cunard steamer Etruria yesterday morning ran into and sank the tug boat Erie in New York bay. All the crew were rescued except the captain's son.

The Youngstown Bridge Works, at Youngstown, Ohio, were burned Friday night. Loss \$75,000, insurance \$60,000. The company had large contracts on hand and will rebuild at once.

#### Monday, September 7

Hon. A. B. Lightner, a member of the Virginia legislature from Augusta county, died yesterday morning at Staunton, Va., of typhoid fever, aged 68 years.

Robert Moore & Co., of Baltimore, Md., wholesale dealers in cloth, have made an assignment. Their assets are estimated at \$143,000 and their liabilities at \$97,000.

Charles E. Ege and E. L. Maguire, formerly ledger clerks at the broken Keystone Bank at Philadelphia, have been arrested, charged with making false entries and making statements to deceive the Bank Examiner.

The whaleback steamer Charles W. Whetmore left the wharf of the Pusey & Jones Company in Wilmington, Del., at noon yesterday for Philadelphia, where she will complete her cargo of machinery and sail for Tacoma, Wash. about Thursday.

The North Atlantic coast on Saturday night was visited by a terrific storm at Baltimore and Asbury Park, N. J., the rainfall was tremendous and cellars were everywhere flooded. The high seas have done much damage on the New Jersey coast, washing away the beach, inundating railway tracks etc.

#### Tuesday, September 8

Col. T. B. Hunt, a retired officer of the U. S. Army, died suddenly yesterday at Fortress Monroe, Va.

The Grand Trunk Railway car shops at Port Huron, Mich., were partially destroyed by fire on Sunday night involving a loss of \$75,000.

Gen. Hawley of Connecticut, it is said, has been offered the War Secretaryship to succeed Secretary Proctor. He is now at Cape May conferring with President Harrison.

The most destructive storm ever experienced at Alliance, Ohio, passed over that section early Sunday morning. Twelve houses and barns were struck by lightning and destroyed. Loss \$50,000.

Yesterday, being Labor Day, was celebrated pretty generally all over the country by parades of workmen and speeches. Col. L. L. Polk, of the Farmers' Alliance, took part at Kansas City.

#### Wednesday, September 9

A full State ticket was nominated by the People's Party at the convention held Monday night at Boston, Mass.

There are now better prospects for a good cotton crop in Mississippi this year. The intense heat of the past few days has developed the bolls and the worms have disappeared.

Thousands of negroes are awaiting the President's proclamation opening the Indian lands on the east of Oklahoma Territory. The negroes are waiting at Guthrie and Langston City.

Two men believed to be the men who robbed the train at Ceres, California on Friday of last week, have been arrested near Traver, Cal. Their names are Bill Dalton and Riley Dean.