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The formal resignation of the Hon. S. S. Cox, minister to Turkey, has been received at the Department of State, Washington City.

Mrs. CORNELIA STEWART, wife of the late millionaire, A. T. Stewart, died suddenly on the morning of the 25th of October, at her residence in New York City.

The Irish are not at peace; "evictions are increasing and there are more than the usual amount of want and poverty, especially in the western part of the country."

ROBERT W. ALSTON, a clerk in the Auditor's office at Washington, committed suicide the other day by shooting himself in the head. Nervous depression is said to have led to the act.

The Grand Island Independent says there will be more cattle fed and fattened in Hall county this year than in any winter in its history, and that there will be a demand for all the corn raised.

YOUNG or middle aged men suffering from nervous debility, loss of memory, premature old age, as the result of bad habits, should send for, in stamps, for large illustrated treatise. Address, World's Dispensary Medical Association, 663 Main street, Buffalo, N. Y.

It is stated that a singular suicide occurred the other night near Detroit on the farm of Wm. Kidney, of a man about sixty years old by the name of E. J. Wilcox. After the family had retired he slipped out of doors and placed a dynamite cartridge under his arm. The force created by the explosion was terrible and fragments of his body were scattered in every direction.

FRANCE appears to be hurrying up for war. The Minister of Marine has introduced a bill for the completion of the "French Navy" which proposes an outlay of \$12,000,000 for the construction of ports of refuge. It also proposes such a concentration of work, under contracts, that it shall be completed in four years, instead of nine, which is the nominal time named for the whole outlay.

A MEETING was held the other afternoon in New York City in the interest of reforms in tariffs, and to decide as to the most judicious steps to be taken to secure the election of representatives to congress and United States Senator, who will do their utmost to bring about a revision by reducing taxes, tariff, and levies on American industries, and especially a repeal of duties on raw materials.

SALISBURY, Md., was nearly destroyed by fire the other night. It is the county seat of Wicomico, and the principal lumber trading point of the eastern spur of Maryland and situated at the head of navigation of the Wicomico river, which extends up to the pine regions of lower Delaware. The fire started in a small frame stable, and swept over the town until it destroyed a million dollars worth of property.

The citizens of Stanton county are greatly excited about the mysterious disappearance of Mrs. Fryor. About 8 o'clock the other night she left her home in Stanton, driving a span of spirited horses. A day or two afterwards the buggy was found overturned on the shore of the Elkhor, the team having plunged over the bank, a distance of fifteen feet. The team was found two miles down the stream on the opposite side. The river has been dragged for two miles but no trace of her remains has been found.

JULIUS LEFAR and Miss Minnie F. Roebuck, of Chicago, were to be married the other evening. The bride and one hundred guests with music, feast and clergyman were in attendance, but the bridegroom failed to make his appearance. A friend went in search of him, and with the aid of the police broke open the door of his apartment, which was locked, and found him on the bed with a bullet hole in his head, dead. He had written an explanation complaining that he had not the moral courage to proceed with the marriage.

EARTHQUAKE shocks have again visited the south. They were felt at Charleston, Columbia, Atlanta, Louisville and Raleigh. In some of the places named the shocks were quite severe. At Lynchburg, Va., three large cracks in the earth have been discovered on the top of Flat Top mountain in Tazewell county, occasioned by the earthquake. One run across the mountain road and large trees and rocks were thrown into it. At Washington City the shock was so strong as to pi the type on the imposing stones in the Star office. No loss of life or property is reported.

WALTER, the nine-year-old son of E. W. Sims, met with a painful accident last Sunday. He had ridden one of the horses to water, with only a rope around the animal's neck, and as soon as the horse had quenched his thirst he made a break for the barn as fast as he could run. The animal went right into the open door, on the jump, and the boy struck his head a fearful blow against the door jam, throwing him from the horse and cutting a fearful scalp wound on the head. Dr. Bridenstine dressed the wound and the little fellow is getting along nicely. If the blow had been two inches down it would undoubtedly have killed the boy.—Madison Democrat.

The Election.

We have delayed the issue of this week's JOURNAL to give the official vote of Platte county, and some ideas as to the election generally.

The indications from eastern states are republican gains sufficient, possibly, to make the next house of representatives republican.

In Nebraska the republican state ticket is elected at an estimated majority of 25,000.

Laird and Dorsey have been returned to congress from the Second and Third districts of this state, while Howe, the republican candidate in the First, seems to have been defeated by McShane, dem., whose election will be contested.

At this writing it is not known whether Higgins (rep.) or Folds (dem.) is elected state senator, and it will take the official count to determine. Later.—Platte county gives Folds 139 maj.; Colfax (lowest estimate) Higgins's maj. 146, making Higgins the senator.

The republicans of Platte can congratulate themselves on the election of Pat. Higgins to the senate, Judge Bowman to the house, Dr. Schug to the coronership, and Julius Rasmussen and W. B. Backus to the justiceship of third ward, Columbus Consistency, a Jewel. Our Washington Correspondent Gives an Incident.

The President surprised his friends by appointing young Benjamin Folsom, a cousin of his wife, to the important consulate at Sheffield, England. The surprise was caused by a knowledge of the President's dislike for appointing relatives of high officials and influential people to office. It was only the other day that he rebuked Auditor Shelley in a most caustic letter for appointing the sons of Senators Pugh and Harris to clerkships in his office, although they had passed a civil service examination. The President forced Mr. Shelley to revoke these appointments. This letter of his called forth words of burning praise from the mugwump press. The appointment of the youthful and inexperienced Folsom to an important office, where thorough commercial knowledge is necessary to satisfactorily perform its duties, will give Secretary Manning an opportunity to make a good point on the president.

It is not generally known that Mr. Manning was very much disappointed over the appointment of a postmaster at Albany. He thought as a matter of course that he would be allowed to control the appointment in his own town. He spoke to Mr. Vilas about it, and the latter said it was all right of course. Mr. Manning recommended Mr. Dalahanty. The commission was about to be made out by the President when the latter discovered that the Dalahanty recommended by Mr. Manning was the father of the latter's son-in-law. When he made this discovery he refused to make the appointment. It would not do at all, he said, and then appointed some one else in whom Mr. Manning was not at all interested. The President's attention was recalled to the relationship by Col. Lamont. Mr. Manning was quite displeased at the time, but there was not quite enough of a disappointment in it to warrant a quarrel. The Sheffield consulate has a salary of \$2,500. The fees amount to about \$4,600 annually.

Washington Letter.

(From our regular correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Oct. 30, 1886.

Oh Reform! What shams are perpetrated in thy name. Public officials or employes may, it seems, take the party stump, although the famous order reminds them that "their time and labor belong to the Government." They may be delegates to nominating conventions, "provided they conduct themselves with decorum and so not make their office prominent," though the order pronounces the use of their offices to secure their election as "indecent and unfair." So long as they act in politics as "mere citizens" they are irreproachable. It is a very simple process.

It has been reported that the President and the civil service commissioners cannot look each other in the face without laughing. Democratic Government clerks here go home to vote, but something admonishes the Republican clerks that they had better stick to their desks. Some of them thought to adjust their sails so as to catch the favoring breeze of both sides, and took their annual leave beforehand, so that now they cannot go home to vote without losing their daily wage. Besides, they have a good excuse in the mass of work thrown upon the departments by the preparation of the annual reports, and the absence of all the Democratic employes.

And now there is another story reflecting upon Gen. Black's management of the Pension office. During the session of Congress Commissioner Black attempted to discredit ex-Commissioner Dudley by trying to show that Dudley made certain cases "special" in order that their allowance might be made useful to Republican candidates for Congress who asked that the claims specified might be hurried. Gen. Black has frequently stated that while he remains at the head of the office there shall be no cases taken up out of their regular order to oblige Democratic Congressmen. A few days ago one of the friends of Representative Stahlacker called on Gen. Black's assistant and asked that the claims of a certain soldier be hurried through.

Correspondence.

[In this department the people talk, and not the editor. Each writer must hold himself ready to defend his principles and his statements of facts.—"In the multitude of counsel there is wisdom."—ED. JOURNAL.]

For the JOURNAL. Shall We Nationalize the Railroads and Telegraphs?—Beneficial in the Interest of the People.

At this late day, it will hardly be questioned by any intelligent man or woman, that under the constitution of the United States delegating to congress the power to regulate commerce among the several states, that the federal government in order to carry out the letter and spirit of that enactment, would not have the right to construct and operate lines of railroads and telegraphs for the benefit of the whole people, on the same principle, on which our postal system is operated. We need scarcely be told in this enlightened age, that those agencies are now run in the interests of the few, and to the detriment of the many. We are met at the very threshold, with the argument, that the theory may be good, but in practice the project would be too cumbersome. Such arguments were once advanced when the criminal jurisprudence postal service, collection of taxes and revenue were farmed out to private individuals in

OFFICIAL VOTE

The following table gives the vote on candidates, amendment and appropriation. The prohibition vote was 22. Total vote in county 2107. Democratic plurality on state ticket is 556. North has a plurality of 504 for governor. John W. Fuchs for float representative has a majority of 85 in Colfax and 143 in Platte, 210 in all. F. Folds for float senator has 139 majority in Platte and runs behind 146 in Colfax, giving Pat. M. Higgins a majority of 7.

Table with columns for OFFICE AND CANDIDATES, CITY OF COLUMBUS, and various candidates with their respective vote counts.

TOWNSHIP OFFICERS:

Table listing Township Officers including Supervisors, Treasurers, Clerks, and Assessors for various townships like Columbus, Bismark, etc.

City of Columbus, entitled to two Supervisors, elected H. J. Hudson and Geo. Lehman, M. E. Clodier, Assessor.

Its prompt allowance might prove useful, he said, to this Congressman, who was having considerable agency in his canvass for re-election. Before he left the office he was promised that the case would be "expedited," but the matter was to be kept quiet and no papers relating to the "expedition" were to be sent in.

Much indignation is felt just now by the employes of the Pension office because of the uninhabitable condition of the building in which they have to work. It has been in course of construction for about three years, and is the ugliest public structure in Washington. During the past summer nothing was done there, but since cool weather set in, and Congressmen began to arrive, a display of activity has been made. The work of plastering has begun and a large part of the clerical force is sick in consequence. One of them published a petition to the effect that the time they were losing from such enforced sickness should not be taken from their wages, and he was right.

Work on the annual reports that are to go to Congress is taking precedence of everything else in the departments now. The Democratic bureau officers are not finished writers, and the prolixity of their contributions is appalling. The task of curtailing them to reasonable size is going bravely on, and it takes a great deal of time. Under the Republican regime ex-Comptroller Lawrence was the most prolific reporter, but there are several bureau officers under the present administration that can waste more paper than he.

This is race week, and the Washington race course, most beautiful when its surrounding hills have their brilliant autumn coloring, will be usual be the rendezvous of society. It is much more the fashionable thing to go to the races here, even than in Baltimore, the grand stand always containing numerous representatives of the old families, as well as of the Diplomatic Corps, and Army, Navy and official circles. The autumn meeting of the Jockey Club affords about the first opportunity for a general gathering of the people who have been spending the summer months away. There is no restriction on betting here, and those who want to see the horses run for their money are allowed to do so.

your senior senator is a very conscientious man and worked faithfully for the interests of his state and the west generally. It will not do to have such a disturbing element in that respectable body of corporation lawyers, therefore he must be defeated, what difference will it make if nine tenths of the people of the state are for him? Senators should be chosen by a vote of the people and held directly responsible to them for their official acts. As they are now selected, is it any wonder that we have so much class law and so few enactments in the interest of the people. Just consider how the interstate commerce bill fared, before Congress. Have you forgotten how your railroad legislation fared before your state Senate? Readers, do you expect anything better at the next session? It would not take much of a prophet to foretell that you will hope in vain, when the government manages these enterprises in the interest of the public, the incentive to bribe our law makers to give them license to prey on the producers of the country, will be gone.

Class law has caused more misery than pestilence and famine. It is the folly of man that ruins him. His wisdom must save him. How long will the producers of the country be bamboozled, by cheap politicians in the pay of their despoilers.

ED. COLUMBUS JOURNAL:—I notice in your last issue a reply to my former communication and the statements I made are emphatically denied, therefore it becomes my duty to furnish proofs. I stated that that people had violated all law that they did not see fit to interpret as law; I might have gone further and said human and divine. I also say that many of them are strangers to shame and decency. Concerning polygamy no proof can be given that God ever gave in any dispensation of the world a law or command requiring his children to enter into polygamy or plural marriage. They will refer to Abraham, but if you will read closely you will find that Sarah thought to help the Lord out after he had predicted that she should bear a son in her old age, so she requested Abraham to go in to her maid; after a son was born, trouble entered into the family and Sarah complained bitterly. Then the Lord commanded that the bondwoman and her child should be put away. In due time the promise to Abraham was fulfilled. Isaac was born; when he grew up God honored him as the legitimate heir, thus acknowledging the first born of the lawful wife.

They then call attention to Jacob, we again find a lack of any command from God, but in place the shameful act of an idolatrous priest, who, after Jacob had served him seven years for Rachel pained Leah up upon him. But he still loved Rachel and served another seven years for her. Again they refer us to David and Solomon, but there is the same lack of evidence. We now come to the New Testament times; we do not find the Saviour preaching any such doctrine. Neither do any of his apostles, but they all teach a high state of morality. Well say they, did not the Saviour love Martha and Mary, it is not evidence that they were his wives? We cannot accept such evidence, it is too much strained. You or I may love a number of persons, because of their good conduct and moral bearing, but not in the sense we love our wives. We believe that God is an unchangeable being, His ways are one eternal round without the shadow of a change. In standard works we refer them to the proof works of the church (viz) the Doctrine and Covenants and Book of Mormon. (We quote from

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HON. JOSEPH B. CLARK, of Manchester, N. H., a very worthy citizen, committed suicide by hanging. He has held several important positions and recently defeated in the nomination for Congress. It is believed that his defeat had something to do with taking his life.

Roller Mills! All Kinds of Grain. Flour, Feed, Bran, Shorts and Meal. A TIMELY RESCUE. From a Most Terrible Death. The Wilmington (Del.) News, of September 28, 1886, gives the following history of a prominent business man's plucky fight and terrible experience with that much-dreaded and always-to-be-feared disease, Cancer.

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