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THE CITY FLOUR MILLS at McKeesport, Pa., burned the other night, caused by defective flue. Heavy loss \$60,000.

A REPORT comes from London that twenty-two persons were drowned in the recent hurricane off Orkney islands.

JOHN S. BARBOUR has been nominated by acclamation for U. S. senator by the joint democratic caucus of the Virginia legislature.

JAMES FUNK, at Wilmar, Minn., the other day shot and killed his wife and then attempted to commit suicide. He will not live.

LET Congress give us the postal telegraph in some shape at this session. They will have the hearty thanks of the country, if they do.

A REPORT of the earthquake that directly visited Variespe, A. T., says the entire town has been destroyed and many people killed.

SENA C. PRIEST, superintendent of the New York Central R. R., died at Utica, N. Y., Dec. 4. He had been with the road fifty-one years.

THE jury in the Haddock murder trial at Sioux City, Ia., agreed upon a verdict on the 9th inst. of not guilty. The court immediately discharged the prisoner.

An attempt was made the other night to blow up one of the principal forts at Halifax, N. S. Serious damage was done. There is great excitement among the soldiers.

THE building which will be completed for holding the national republican convention next June, at Chicago, will give a total seating capacity of 8,000 with hotel of 500 rooms.

THE election of President Sadi-Carnot has produced an excellent impression at St. Petersburg. The newspapers at Rome congratulate the French people upon the election.

A MAN named Fogarty, prominent in the rioting at Limerick the other day, was arrested at Queenstown, Dec. 4. He was about embarking on the steamer Arizona for New York.

THE massing of Russian troops at Galicia is causing great apprehension. It may mean war. Warsaw advises, however, may mean defensive action only on the part of Russia.

BOWKMAN BROS.' stock stables at Lexington, Ky., were burned the other afternoon. Several valuable blooded horses were burned to death, including one recently bought for \$5,000.

THE brewing companies at Sioux City, Iowa, have closed their business of manufacturing beer in Iowa, the federal questions involved in the prohibitory law having been decided against the brewers.

It is claimed at Cincinnati that district attorney Burnett, in the United States court was offered a bribe of \$25,000 if he would obstruct the government on the Harper Fidelity bank case.

NEBRASKA promises to have the gas excitement for a change. The JOURNAL believes there is something good for us, - coal, oil, gas or artesian water - below the surface, at no unreasonable depth.

It is stated that Senator Farwell will introduce, as soon as the committee is formed, a bill to perpetuate the national banking system as provided for by title 62 of the revised statutes and supplement-ary acts.

A TELEGRAM from Barrow states that during the recent heavy gales in Cuba, the sea invaded a portion of the city, destroying about one hundred houses. The telegram also reports the loss of the steamer Gundry and an American schooner.

THE English press, as a rule, are very much in favor of the doctrines enunciated in the President's message. The great body of the people of this country, however, are not particularly anxious to please England at the expense of our financial interests.

LEONARD HAMLIN, a member of the firm of Free & Hamlin, Chicago, has not been seen for a week, when he left for down town on a street car with a large amount of money in his possession to pay off workmen at the factory; it is feared he has met with foul play.

H. E. WILLIAMSON, the agent at Crow agency, Montana, has resigned, his resignation to take effect Dec. 31. The late outbreak at the Crow agency is attributed to his improper conduct, and charges have been preferred against him and are now in the interior department.

MEMBERS of delegations from Cincinnati and Omaha, who were in Washington last week for the purpose of presenting their respective claims for the next national republican convention, called at the White House one day last week and paid their respects to the president.

THE latest news among the well-informed persons of St. Petersburg is that the Russian government's intentions are entirely pacific, and that public opinion is in favor of peace. Russian movements on the frontier consist merely of the dispatching of a division of cavalry, not with an aggressive intent, but for the protection of certain localities.

CHICAGO held the national republican convention on the third ballot, with one vote to spare. Omaha had the highest number of votes of any city except Chicago. The first ballot stood as follows: Chicago.....11 Omaha.....10 Cincinnati.....9 Philadelphia.....7 Minneapolis.....6 St. Louis.....5

On the second ballot Chicago received 25 votes and on the third ballot 25, obtaining the convention. Omaha delegates worked faithfully and made a favorable impression. It is believed she would have secured the prize this time had it not been for the want of sufficient hotel facilities, which was used throughout the contest as an effective argument against her. In the four years to come, strike for your hotel accommodations and you will readily secure the next national convention. After fixing the time for the meeting of the convention for Tuesday, June 19, 1888, the committee adjourned.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has sent the following nominations to the senate: Lucius Q. C. Lamar, of Mississippi, to be associate justice of the supreme court of the United States; William F. Vilas, of Wisconsin, to be secretary of the interior; Don M. Dickinson, of Michigan, to be postmaster general; Charles S. Fairchild, of New York, to be assistant secretary of the treasury; Sigourney Butler, of Massachusetts, to be second comptroller of the treasury; James W. Hyatt, of Connecticut, to be treasurer of the United States.

At the conference of wool-growers held at Washington last week resolutions were unanimously adopted declaring that the wool-growers and wool-dealers of the United States, representing a capital of \$500,000,000 and constituting 1,000,000 wool growers and dealers, having read President Cleveland's message, declares its sentiment a direct attack upon their industry and in positive violation of the democratic platform of 1884.

THE latest news from Paris is to the effect that Goblet has been foiled by the refusal of Rebot to remain in the cabinet in which portfolios are given to two members on the extreme left. Ricard joins Rebot in refusing to enter the cabinet. Goblet regards Ricard's action as a refusal of the union of the left to co-operate and he will probably resign the task of forming a ministry. In such event Rebot will probably be recalled to the head of a modified cabinet.

HERE Most, anarchist, who was convicted of misdemeanor, in New York, was arraigned in the general sessions court the other day. McHowe, his counsel, argued in his behalf for a new trial. Judge Cowing denied the motion, but granted a certificate to the supreme court at general term, when the whole case might be heard. Judge Cowing then sentenced him to confinement in the penitentiary for the period of one year, without fine.

PATENTS granted to citizens of Kansas and Nebraska during the past week, and reported expressly for this paper by C. A. Snow & Co., Patent lawyers, opp. U. S. Patent Office, Washington, D. C.: A. Burnett, Big Springs, Kan., washing machine; J. F. Muir, Topeka, Kan., parcel or cash carrier; O. F. Payne, Abilene, Kan., pump; J. C. Reed, Topeka, Kan., can coupling; W. H. Stiggenwall, Iola, Kan., washing machine; J. P. Waba, Praha, Neb., potato planting machine.

A RECENT report from Berlin states that the horse was weak on account of the unfavorable view taken by the Pester Lloyd on the relations between Austria and Russia. The Post says: The reports of the assembling of Russians on the Galician frontier evoke apprehensions of a blow against Austria. Whether that blow will admit of Germany's remaining at peace is a question which doubtless Russia has long since answered.

THE chief of the secret service of the treasury department in his annual report says the counterfeiting now being done is principally the work of Italians who work in bands in different sections of the country. The counterfeiting done during the past year was insignificant. The report refers to the fact that all but two of the many skilled operators arrested since the war are now at liberty, and may be expected to resume their operations at any time.

FREDERICK RILEY, an incorrigible youngster in the juvenile dormitory at St. Joseph's home, N. J., took Thomas Jones, aged 4, to the kitchen, gagged him with a handkerchief, removed the child's pants, and deliberately placed him to a red-hot range. One of the sisters was attracted by the smell of burning flesh and rescued the victim. The child cannot live. The tormentor showed no signs of remorse.

A VERY important decision, and one likely to be far-reaching in its consequences, was rendered in the supreme court on the 5th inst., in the so-called Kansas prohibition cases of Mugler against the state of Kansas, and the state of Kansas against Zeibold and others. The judgment of the court was pronounced in a long and elaborate opinion by Justice Harlan, holding the prohibitory liquor laws of Kansas valid.

THE news from Paris reports the cabinet composed as follows: Goblet, president of the council and minister of the interior; Rebot, minister of justice; Florentine, minister of foreign affairs; Reinard, minister of education; Loubet, minister of agriculture; Menard-Dorian, minister of public works; Clemenger, minister of finance; Bourgeois, minister of marine; Gen. Ferrer or Gen. Thomson, minister of war.

At an early hour the other morning at Erie, Pa., two factions of young men got into an altercation, the result of a feud of long standing. Fifteen were engaged in the affair. Henry Weller, and Frank Knapp were fatally stabbed. Half a dozen others were more or less severely cut. Eight arrests have been made.

JAMES WILSON, alias Hamlin, and Judd Walcott, notorious counterfeiters, were arrested by federal officials the other day at Wilkesbarre, Pa. Their counterfeiting establishment, from which they were turning out bogus silver dollars, was located in the cabin of an old boat at Mill Creek.

J. B. McDONALD was arrested the other day at San Francisco for having in his possession plates for engraving facsimiles of \$5 Bank of England notes. McDonald is said to be a brother of George McDonald, who, with Austin Byron Bidwell, swindled the Bank of England out of a million dollars in 1863 by means of forged bank checks and notes.

PETER BENNET, a wealthy and miserly farmer 80 years old, residing at Newport, Me., was found lying on the floor of his house in a pool of blood. When restored to consciousness it was learned that robbers had beaten him and escaped with \$32,000 in gold and bills. He was in the habit of keeping large sums of money around the house.

It looks as though the President, by offering for a faction in his own party, instead of for the whole country, is determined that the next presidential campaign shall be fought on the issue of free trade, as against the protection of American industries. The opponents of that doctrine are glad that the issue promises to be squarely made, at least, whatever the result may be.

ACTING Secretary Muldrow has lately rendered a decision on a petition to set aside patents issued to the Union Pacific railway for about 200,000 acres, the land lying contiguous to Denver, Col., alleged to be outside of the grant. The acting secretary sustains the petition and directs the commissioner of the general land office to make a formal demand on the railroad company for reconveyance.

PRESIDENT SADI-CARNOT at his reception given the other evening to the retiring Rouvier cabinet, thanked them for the patriotic devotion they had shown during the recent crisis. He said he would not form a cabinet until he had consulted with the presidents of the senate and chamber of deputies and the chiefs of republican groups.

THE other day U. S. Marshal Dyer, at Salt Lake City, as receiver, seized the Mormon church president's office ledgers, books, etc., leaving some minor books which he required James Jack, church custodian, to receipt for as the receiver's agent. The church organ makes a loud protest against this "outrage."

THE secretary of the treasury has made out and delivered his annual report to the President. He frankly gives his views on the tariff, and expresses himself opposed to either the abolition or reduction of internal revenue. He really talks more like a statesman than a partisan.

THE young man in the employ of the United States sub-treasury at New York, who absconded two months ago with over \$10,000, has been located at Winnipeg. As he changed his stolen securities into Canadian money before crossing the border, he will not be prosecuted.

WORD comes from Oshkosh, Wis., that Gen. Bragg will positively accept the Mexican mission, if it is tendered. It is no longer a secret that Charley Felker, who has charge of the petitions, is acting under the direction of Gen. Bragg himself.

THE executive committee of the council of administration of the Grand Army of the Republic decided to hold the next national grand encampment at Columbus, Ohio, in the second week of September next.

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down into his well on a rope, had hardly started down when the rope broke, dropping him to the bottom, a fall of about 27 feet. -Norfolk News.

For some time past there has been quite a run of burglars at Nebraska City. The other evening Mrs. A. Waddington saw a man enter her house about ten o'clock and immediately gave the alarm to her husband. He was in the parlor with a number of friends and they were soon in the room which the burglar entered. He was found hiding in a closet and it took the combined efforts of five men to overpower him. The sheriff was telephoned and he took the man to jail. The burglar, who is Frank King, was severely cut in the hand in trying to get an open knife from his pocket.

Washington Letter. (From our regular correspondent.) As a general rule the sessions of the U. S. senate are exceedingly dull, except to a careful and intelligent observer. The debates are usually conducted in a conversational manner, and very rarely, indeed, is an effort made at oratorical display. A stranger looking down from the gallery upon the senate, dressed in an ordinary, would have a very meagre idea of the immense brain power, logic, and eloquence that could leap forth from a score of lips the very moment that occasion required it, that would arouse the union from centre to circumference, and on the wings of cable lightning carry his words as fast as uttered to the court of every nation on the face of the earth. There are several cases on record where a speech of some one of our senatorial giants has been read at the next morning's breakfast table in London, Paris, Berlin, and other centres of national power. It is not the American eye alone that watches the U. S. senate. While all are not great debaters, they are wise legislators, and he who has the power to clothe his thoughts in speech on great international issues, attracts the attention of the world. I doubt if you can find a like assembly on the face of the earth, that has the real brain power of the U. S. senate.

The home of representatives is quite a different body, and is curiously made up. Here is a great mixture of nationalities. Has the thought ever occurred to you? Well, we have here for members, the native born American, with his eastern, or western or southern ideas generally all good, but sometimes bad; then there is in this congress, by birth, the Prussian, the Englishman, the Frenchman, the German, the Irishman, the Mexican, the Scotchman, the Swede, and I don't know how many other nations, and although American citizens and loyal to the government and deservingly of all they receive, yet there is a difference of temperament, to say the least, and possibly early ideas that are often hard to harmonize. I do not wonder that the sessions of the house are a regular pandemonium, and that it requires five official reporters to give an intelligent account of its proceedings. Last winter there was a stranger here from New Hampshire. He took his seat in the gallery and tried hard to keep run of the proceedings, but soon became bewildered. Turning to the gentleman on his right, he inquired what bill was up. "They are discussing, sir, the army appropriation." He watched and waited, and not being fully satisfied, made the same inquiry of a gentleman on his left. "They are making a fight on the river and harbor bill," was the laconic and positive response. Our New Hampshire friend waited another hour in wonder land, and finally left, but in passing out inquired of the messenger who attended the door, what bill was up? "An appropriation, sir, for new war vessels." I don't wonder that strangers get confused; some do to that extent that they can hardly find their way home at the close of a day's session.

Of the new senators fifteen are republicans and twelve democrats. On full vote the republicans will have a majority of two - a narrow margin, but enough to prevent pernicious legislation. R.

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certainty of success. One thing for every bee keeper to learn - and the sooner he learns it the better - is this: that the honey bee is wholly unselfish, and in order to become their master you must first be their pupil. After carefully studying their habits, you may act upon the general principle of their natural instincts and thereby greatly assist them in many ways; but never has a single bee been taught that it is unkind to sting his friend, nor that it would pay better to unite all their energies in the storing of honey than the rearing of brood during a late honey flow. As early as the first week of November each colony should be comfortably provided for their long repose, to give them ample opportunity for two or three cleansing flights before cold weather actually sets in. This is imperative to their health and removes much of the imaginary risk of wintering. Neglect in this matter is absolute cruelty. Think of the thousands of individual bees in a hive and each one suffering the pangs of actual starvation. Does any one suppose they do not have the sense of feeling, just try squeezing one and you will respond to a very slight pressure in such a way as will make you careful when handling the next one. Who would think for a moment of giving a horse only half a feed once a day to see if he could winter all his stock that way the next winter, or leave their cattle in the pasture till spring to save the trouble and expense of stabling? And yet just as foolish and barbarous methods are employed in experimenting with the wintering of bees. Many using single wick hives leave them without further protection on the summer stands, and invariably those parties report having losses in the spring. And can we think it strange? The moisture thrown off from their bodies rises in a vapor till it strikes the flat cover only an inch or so above the cluster and is quickly converted into frost. This is continued, the frost accumulating thicker and thicker until some day the sun comes out bright enough to melt it, and it drips down on the cluster below; and that night all will be frozen in a solid mass of ice and bees. Then others wishing to depart from the laws of nature and make for themselves a name by improving on old nature, will extract every ounce of honey from the comb and give each colony just enough sugar syrup to winter on. This is fed to the bees in such a way that it will all be stored in the new comb given them and sealed over before cold weather. The object of this being to remove all pollen or bread from the hives, this is an essential food for the young bees and without it or some substitute for it, brood rearing will not be commenced, and the master imagines he has everything under his own control.

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