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WASHINGTON NEWS.

An Unusually Interesting Batch of News From the National Capital.

Howe's Name Not Expected to be Sent in this Session.

Thos. L. James, of New York, Confirmed as Postmaster General.

Jewell and Desendorf on the Virginia Political Situation.

An Obnoxious Postmaster at Lynchburg, Va.

Guiteau's Counsel Will Resort to the Question of Jurisdiction.

Confirmations, Nominations, and Other Interesting Capital Doings.

SENATE PROCEEDINGS.

National Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, October 27.—The senate authorized the judiciary and public land committees to sit during the recess and at 12:25 p. m. went into executive session to consider the confirmations received. After being fifteen minutes in session and confirming C. W. Stanton as superintendent of the census the senate took a recess with closed doors for half an hour.

The recess taken by the senate of an hour is said to be to enable a conference to be held with the president, in relation to the nomination of Postmaster General James. When the question of the tenure of office of secretary of state came up, under like circumstances, the republicans took the ground that his term did not expire until thirty days after the full term of four years. The law has since been repealed, but has crept into the revised statutes in the section relating to the postmaster general. The conference on the nomination of Mr. James will, it is said, be opposed as a matter of precedent, if the president does not withdraw it.

At 12:50 Mr. Pruden appeared with another batch of nominations, but as the senate was in recess, he did not deliver them.

NOMINATIONS.

The name of Judge Folger, of New York, has been sent by the president to the senate as a nominee for the secretaryship of the treasury. Thomas L. James, of New York City, has been renominated by the president to the postmaster-generalship, and his name has been sent to the senate. The following nominations have been sent in by the president to the senate: Frank Hatton, of Iowa, to be first assistant postmaster-general; Charles Kahla, of Indiana, consul at Sidney, Australia; George W. Russell, of Pennsylvania, consul at Bordeaux; J. A. Leonard, of Minnesota, consul at Leith, Scotland; J. S. Robinson, of Tennessee, consul at Trieste.

The following additional nominations were sent by the president to the senate to-day: Chas. J. Fisher, to be collector of customs at Spencer, Michigan; Sidney H. Ritch, to be surveyor of customs at Port Jefferson, New York; John L. Beveridge, to be assistant treasury at Chicago; Attorney-General Milton C. Ellsner, to be United States attorney of the western district of Louisiana. Interior—Jacques A. Gla to be surveyor-general of the district of Louisiana; John S. Harris, to be surveyor general of the district of Massachusetts.

Among other nominations sent to the senate were a number of army promotions, and the following postmasters: George L. I. Pointer, Muncie, Pa.; Allen M. Ayres, Canton, Pa.; William P. Jones, Nashville, Tenn.; John M. Patton, Villisca, Iowa; also Hiram J. Ramsdell, of the District of Columbia, register of wills for the district.

NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED.

The senate in executive session to-day confirmed the following nominations: Charles J. Folger, of New York, secretary of the treasury; Thos. L. James, of New York, postmaster-general; vice Thomas L. James, resigned; Frank Hatton, of Iowa, first assistant postmaster-general, vice Tynes, resigned; Max Frost, register of the land office at Santa Fe; Frank Eastman, of the District of Columbia, United States attorney for Montana, and Charles W. Seaton, superintendent of the census.

The senate did not adjourn till 6 p. m., the time in executive session being occupied in the contest on the Lynchburg postmaster'ship.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

THE OBJECT OF THE RECESS.

WASHINGTON, October 27.—The senators now admit that the real object of the recess was to enable the committee to consider the nominations and act upon them, so as to bring about a final adjournment of the senate to-day.

The difficulty in the James case was admitted to have been averted by his resignation and reappointment.

NOMINATIONS.

The following nominations were made to-day: F. V. Ogler, of Ohio, consul-general at Frankfurt; Charles Payson, of Massachusetts, charge d'affaires at Denmark; Silas P. Hubbard, of New York, consul at St. John; Jesse H. Moore, of Illinois, consul at Callao; Simon Wolf, of the District of Columbia, agent and consul-general of Cairo.

THE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FUND.

WASHINGTON, October 27.—Treas-

urer Gillian has received up to date \$357 for the Garfield memorial hospital.

NEW BELGIAN AND ITALIAN MINISTERS.

The state department has recognized Boudier Von Meisbaeck as minister to the United States from Belgium, and Baron Favas as minister to the United States from Italy. The former was presented to the president to-day, and the latter will be presented to-day.

TO ACT AS ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

It is rumored here to-day that Solicitor General Phillips will be allowed to act as attorney-general, and that no successor to MacVeagh will be nominated at present.

FRENCH GUESTS LEAVE FOR PHILADELPHIA.

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 27.—A delegation of French citizens of Philadelphia arrived here this morning to escort the French guests to that city. The entire party breakfasted with Secretary Blaine at the Arlington. After breakfast the guests and their escort departed on the limited express and will remain in Philadelphia several days when they will go to Boston.

MORE NEW YORKERS WANT SITUATIONS.

Considerable comment was caused to-day by the fact that two New York names were sent in for cabinet places. This is explained in that Postmaster-General James was simply to cover a legal point with reference to the expiration of his term within a certain time after the death of President Garfield. In the case of Secretary Stanton a similar point was raised by the republicans on the ground that he could not serve a term of thirty days after the expiration of his term of four years. Since then the law has been repealed, except that portion of the revised statutes referring to postmaster-general.

Judge Folger was in town to-day. He personally accepted the secretaryship of the treasury, but will not qualify until next week. Meanwhile he has returned to New York to settle up his business.

HOWE'S NAME NOT EXPECTED TO BE SENT IN THIS SESSION.

Howe's name is not now expected to be sent in this session for attorney general.

The president has sent in all of General Garfield's nominations, and is said to have waited for the senate committee this evening to inform them that he had no further business for them. In that case Solicitor-General Phillips will probably act as attorney-general until December if MacVeagh must retire. It is also said Howe is not anxious for the place until the star route matters are fixed.

WINDOM TO QUALIFY AT ONCE.

It is deemed not unlikely that Windom may get unanimous consent to qualify to-morrow, that he may be made useful on the committees that will sit during the recess. Windom does not ask this personally.

SENATOR BLAIR.

WASHINGTON, October 27.—The executive committee has appointed a committee to wait upon Senator Blair, of New Hampshire, and invite him to tell the committee his object in offering a prohibitory amendment to the constitution of the United States, and particularly why he expected male liquors from his amendment and did not go the whole figure.

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

WASHINGTON, October 27.—To-day's sessions of the Woman's National Christian Temperance Union convention were devoted to the hearing of reports. Among matters submitted was a letter from Governor St. John, setting forth the progress or the prohibitory movement in Kansas, expressing the opinion that if the question of returning to the old license law was now put to a vote it would be defeated by 75,000 majority.

REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF STATISTICS.

The annual report of the chief of the bureau of statistics on the internal commerce of the country embraces a large amount of information, and will be distributed next week. Chief Nimms earnestly recommends the creation of a commission of experts for the purpose of investigating questions as to the relation of transportation to the agricultural, industrial and commercial interests of the country; economy and practical questions which enter into questions as to the relation of railroads to public interests, and constitutional questions involved in the solution of the complex and difficult railroad problem.

HOPING FOR AN ADJOURNMENT.

During the short time the senate was in open session the passage of a certain resolution regulating the pay of pages and employes gave indication that the senators were hoping for a final adjournment to-day, and when after being in session long enough to refer to the nominations just sent in, a recess of an hour was taken to enable the committees to examine the cases so referred. The impression was general that the senate would close its labors before adjournment. After recess prominent nominations were confirmed promptly and without dissent. The democrats then proposed a finish up. The contest was between Edmunds and other republicans who insisted on going on with the calendar in regular order.

THE LYNCHBURG POSTMASTER'SHIP.

The second case on the calendar was that of Stratham, to be postmaster at Lynchburg, Va., vice Wilson, the present incumbent. Wilson is charged with the temporary use of postal funds, having been thrice found short in his accounts, which were at once made good. The more serious offense among politicians is that he sold out the republican party at the last election and secured the re-election of Congressman Tucker. This makes him obnoxious to the republicans and secures him a solid democratic support.

A DINNER AT THE ARLINGTON.

Postmaster-General James gave a dinner at the Arlington to-night to

the following distinguished guests: President Arthur, Vice-President Davis, Secretary of State and Mrs. Blaine, Secretary of War and Mrs. Lincoln, Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Hunt, Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Kirkwood, Senator Jones and Mrs. H. G. Pearson, daughter of Mr. James and wife of the postmaster of New York. Mrs. James was also present. The dinner was a most elaborate affair, and the floral decorations were exceedingly fine.

JEWELL AND DESENDORF.

Ex-Governor Jewell, of Connecticut, chairman of the national republican executive committee, left to-night, after consulting with Mahone regarding the approaching election in Virginia. He endorses the readjuster movement in the state, and promises to secure the \$35,000 necessary to pay the poll tax of destitute colored voters. It is said that besides this, Jewell has consented to use his efforts to induce Congressman Desendorf to follow in Jorgensen's steps and support the readjuster ticket. Jewell and Desendorf had a long conference to-night at the Arlington, after which time the situation was fully discussed. Immediately after it was over, Desendorf said: "So far as Governor Jewell's mission relates to me, it has been a failure, but this is not my fault, nor the fault of my friends. A proposition has been made to me to see if something could not be done to harmonize the republican party in Virginia by the consolidation of the two republican committees. There does not seem to be any disposition except to require the absolute surrender of these republicans who feel that they do not desire the election of Daniels and who think that the policy now being pursued is the surest way to secure that result."

"YOU WILL NOT THEREFORE BECOME A READJUSTER" HE WAS ASKED.

"No, sir; my position is that of a republican who is not opposed to a liberal policy, but decidedly opposed to the illiberal policy now being pursued in Virginia, which will destroy the republican party there, and in my judgment the election of Daniels and a democratic United States senator will be the result, which I am and always have been opposed to, and which I will not knowingly do anything to further."

"Then you think Daniels will be elected?"

"If so, because the course that has been pursued has driven away republicans who might under other circumstances, and notwithstanding prejudices, have been drawn to support the Cameron ticket."

THE TRANSPORTATION CONVENTION.

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 27.—The southern steamship and railroad convention to-night adjourned sine die after selecting a board of arbitration consisting of Jno. Shreve, chairman; S. H. Carter, of Virginia; and R. A. Allison, of Illinois. O. A. Landrum, of Georgia, was chosen secretary of the association.

THE FIRE RECORD.

TWO EXTENSIVE FIRES.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., October 27.—A fire this morning in the Pioneer iron works, extending to No. 149 H, including 167 Williams street, Brooklyn, caused a loss to the building and machinery of about \$50,000. Fully insured.

Shortly after the iron works fire another fire broke out in the dry goods store of Washler, Abraham & Co., 297 and 299 Fulton street, which extends through to Washington street in an L shape, and before it could be extinguished caused a probable loss of \$250,000. Mostly covered by insurance in New York and foreign companies. The fire originated in the cotton room in the cellar. About two hundred employes, most of whom were women and girls, were in the building at the time the fire broke out, all of whom escaped.

A FIREMAN KILLED.

LOOMIS, Ill., October 27.—A fire destroyed the grocery store of Frank Bush. Loss, \$8,000. A man named Wilson, in attempting to quench the flames, was instantly killed by the falling roof.

CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., October 27.—During the absence of Mrs. Thomas S. Meney, of Oswego Falls, from her residence, a fire broke out, and a boy lit a fire in the stove with oil, which exploded, and the house was fired. The boy became alarmed and fled, leaving his three little sisters in the house. Two of them burned to death.

DECATUR, ALABAMA, OCTOBER 27.

Troup Turner and his wife, living near Talladega, went for a load of corn, leaving their children asleep. The house took fire and was consumed, together with two little children.

A DISASTROUS CONFLAGRATION.

PEORIA, October 27.—The glue works, owned by the Hamlin, of Buffalo, was totally destroyed by fire this afternoon. The fire broke out in the meal drying room, and in less than ten minutes the entire mammoth structure was in flames, and in an hour the building was a mass of ruins. The works were running at full capacity, consuming 1,000 bushels of corn daily. Loss, \$35,000; insured for \$50,000, chiefly in foreign companies. Two hundred and fifty men are thrown out of employment.

A Clerical Thief.

NEW YORK, October 28.—Rev Isaac J. Stine, for the last twelve years pastor of the Leavenworth, Kan., church, was arrested here to-day, charged with burglary and petit larceny. He is a fine looking man of 58, weighing 200 pounds, and wearing a full gray beard, well dressed and dignified. He arrived here October 20th and registered at the St. Nicholas hotel as G. S. Peck, of Pennsylvania. He left after four days without paying his bill. He then registered as F. G. Black, of Connecticut at the Metropolitan, stating that he was a book canvasser and

pencil peddler. He was found leaving the hotel with one of the blankets from his bed in his satchel and with a bill unpaid. On him was found a storehouse check for an overcoat, which proved to have been stolen from Ed. F. Barkers, of room No. 473, St. Nicholas. In court he said he was a Methodist clergyman and had been crowded out of the church because of the jealousy of his abilities. They would not even encourage him in itinerant missionary work. He had assumed the name and hid his book canvassing and had taken the overcoat, and after entering the room which he had joined by mistake, could not resist the temptation. Said he, "I was ignorant of the presence of the blanket in the traveling bag, but would pay for it," and showed a roll of bills of sixty-five dollars. He was committed without bail.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

THE IRISH PRISONERS.

LONDON, October 27.—The political prisoners confined in the county jail at Galway managed this morning to get together and affix their signatures to the document approving Mr. Parnell's "no rent" manifesto and urging the tenant farmers to that line of policy. The document has been published and it is thought that it fell flat upon the public, who seem to be almost universally in the opinion that it is better to obtain under it the advantages which it promises.

ARRESTS UNDER THE COERCION ACT.

A number of arrests under the coercion act have been made during the last few hours and it is likely that these arrests will continue.

DYNAMITE IN COTTON BALES.

LONDON, October 27.—The discovery of dynamite cartridges in certain bales of cotton received at Liverpool from America, and shipped from Liverpool to Oldham, has excited the workmen and the mill owners in that place. It is remarked that five fires of rather mysterious origin have occurred in the mills at Oldham during the last week, and it is thought that these disasters have been caused by the presence in the cotton bales of this incendiary substance, placed there by the home rulers and skirmishers.

THE ROYAL VISITORS.

ROME, October 27.—The king and queen of Italy are now on their way to visit Francis Joseph at Vienna. Count St. Vallier, the Italian ambassador at Berlin, and a number of delegates from Austria, received the king and queen on the frontier and escorted them during the rest of the journey. The royal visitors have been received with demonstrations of great popular fervor.

FRENCH POLITICS.

PARIS, October 27.—The city is full of rumors to the effect that the cabinet of M. Ferry will be reconstructed and modified in consequence of the fact that Gambetta's premiership has greatly offended Germany, and that it will be wise to adopt for the moment some measure of a conciliating nature.

EARL COWPER'S RESIGNATION.

LONDON, October 27.—The report has been revived that Earl Cowper has resigned the vice-royalty of Ireland, and that Mr. Gladstone has asked him to remain until the excitement in Ireland has subsided.

GAMBETTA AND BISMARCK.

A Berlin correspondent of the Standard says: "Gambetta's reference to Havre on Tuesday night to his visit to Germany is regarded here as leaving no doubt that he had an interview with Prince Bismarck during his visit."

GUITEAU.

THE QUESTION OF THE JURISDICTION OF THE DISTRICT TO BE BROUGHT UP IN CASE OF CONVICTION.

Although Scoville, Guiteau's counsel, announced that he has no intention of raising the question of jurisdiction, it is believed that it will be raised after the trial is substantially over. The court announced that the waiving of this plea at the present time would not prevent bringing it up hereafter. Scoville's associate, Robinson, has a good knowledge of the technicalities of the law, and is convinced that the court of the District of Columbia has no jurisdiction, but thought best not to raise the plea now, but wait till the life of Guiteau was actually in jeopardy, the evidence in, etc. Then Guiteau's counsel will ask to acquit him on the ground of no jurisdiction. If the court refuses, his counsel will take exceptions to the ruling, and the case will go on appeal to the supreme court of the United States, and if the exception is sustained the prisoner goes free. Under the decision of Judge Cox, ordering that twenty witnesses be subpoenaed on behalf of Guiteau, in accordance with designation of counsel, fees and costs of services, etc., will be defrayed by the government, the same as in cases of witnesses for the prosecution. Scoville has already fifty-six issued subpoenas for twelve witnesses. The decision of the court is not prejudicial to the rights of the prisoner to ask for more witnesses, should they be deemed necessary. The defense is not to be at all hampered.

Mistaken Identity.

MILWAUKEE, October 27.—The prisoner captured in this city on suspicion of being Lon Williams, the murderer of Sheriff Coleman, of Wisconsin, for whom such protracted search was made in Essex (the woods, proved to be William Kuhl, of Morris, Illinois. He was fully identified by Detective Mason, of Peoria, furnished by Peter Anecke, a clerk in the German bank of Peoria. It is the general opinion that Sheriff Greeding, of this city, has allowed his zeal to get the better of his judgment in this case.

Small Pox.

CHICAGO, October 27.—Small pox has appeared at Dundee, Illinois. One well developed case.

A RIVER DISASTER.

Two Steamboats Strike the Government Bridge at Davenport,

And Are Totally Wrecked, Causing Great Destruction of Life.

Only Nine Out of the Twenty-Three Passengers on the "Gilchrist" Saved.

The Second Steamer, "Mary," Goes Down With all on Board.

The Greatest Excitement Prevails at Davenport.

DAVENPORT, Ia., October 27.—The steamer Gilchrist left here at 10 o'clock to-night with a heavy load of freight and twenty-three passengers, four of whom were women. When just above the government bridge the connecting rods of the engine gave way, the machinery became unmanageable, and she struck the bridge with tremendous force, the bridge shifted and the boat careened. The water rushed into the lower deck, and the safety valve was slipped off and steam rushed out in a terrible volume, scalding the passengers. The boat half sunk and drifted down stream. The shrieks of the dying were horrible. Boats went to the rescue and saved only nine persons and those were all terribly scalded. The boat is a total wreck. Some of the poor victims have been brought to the police station and were perfectly parboiled with the escaping steam. The steamer was owned at Rapid City, Illinois, and was considered unsafe this morning.

DAVENPORT, October 27.—Passenger steamer Mary, while passing down to-night, struck the bridge and sunk. All the passengers on board are supposed to be lost. The greatest excitement prevails.

RAILROAD RUMBLE.

THE EFFECTS OF THE FLOODS.

CHICAGO, October 27.—The Wash-burn railroad announces that it cannot receive any perishable freight for points west of the Mississippi river on account of the blockade and high water making it impossible to insure prompt handling.

FREE DELIVERY DISCONTINUED.

The Michigan Central railroad announces that after November 1st, the free delivery of freight at the union stock yards, Chicago, will be discontinued and all freight billed to be delivered to consignees at that point will be charged \$1 per car for switching, in addition to the rate charged to Chicago. Connecting roads contracting for freight to be delivered at the union stock yards, in all cases, add to the terminal roads \$1 per car in addition to its proportion of through rates.

THE WAR OF RATES.

NEW YORK, October 27.—Up to noon to-day there were no additional changes in passenger rates of the railroads involved in the great war of rates, and the roads opposing Vanderbilt's roads to the west show no disposition to follow the recent reduction at the general ticket office. The manager of the Pennsylvania road said that there had been no change yet in the rates, but he could not tell at what time it might take place. The fare to Washington at present is \$3.50; to Chicago, via the Baltimore & Ohio road, \$7.50 additional to Chicago. Their rates at present are \$12.00 to Philadelphia, Baltimore or Washington, and but \$1.00 additional to New York. The last movement of Vanderbilt has alarmed the scalpers, as they will undoubtedly be heavy losers on their stock on hand. The New York Central and Erie roads are now acting in union, but each holds an independent position. There is no change in freight rates west, but freight east on the Michigan Central, Lake Shore and Grand Trunk roads will be reduced to-morrow from two to three cents per 100. The Grand Trunk will charge 15 cents to New York, 30 to Boston and 25 cents to non-competing points. All roads from Chicago agree to advance the rate of lumber five cents on November 1st. The rate is now 30 cents.

THE U. P. LEAVES.

DENVER, October 27.—The rate of freight from California to Denver is 25 cents per 100 pounds more than to Kansas City and Omaha. During November the tariff will remain the same. Denver merchants protest against the recent order of the U. P. railroad charging \$5 per car demurrage for each day after twenty-four hours on freight standing on track.

The Atlanta Exposition.

ATLANTA, Ga., October 27.—This was the greatest day the city ever seen and one of signal success for exposition from abroad. The governors and their suites and delegations of citizens from many states contributed to the throng. After a tour of buildings by the procession, numbering some 5,000 persons, a reception was held in the judges hall. Speeches were delivered by several governors. Afterwards the guests were banqueted at the exposition hotel and the members of the press will be banqueted at Camp Comfortable to-night. The city is ablaze with receptions. At sunrise this morning cotton was picked, ginned, spun, woven, dyed and made up into two full suits—one for Governor Colquhoun and the other for Governor Biglow, both of whom are wearing them at the executive recep-

tion. The cloth was manufactured and the garments made at the exposition.

Youthful Train Wreckers.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS.

CHICAGO, October 27.—The two young scoundrels who recently wrecked a train on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern railroad near Cedar Rapids, at which time Engineer Hardy was instantly killed, have been run down by a Chicago detective, who has wrung from them a confession of guilt. The boys' names are Joe Phillips, twenty years old, and Geo. Vreldenburg, sixteen years old. The former is a native of the west, while Vreldenburg was brought out from New York about two years ago, with several other boys from the New York orphan home. He was adopted by a farmer named Shields who lived near the railroad. The boys admitted that they had been plotting against the railroad several weeks and that reading the lives of the James boys and literature of a similar kind incited them to the desperate deed. They formed a plan to rob the train, go with steel armor "steel shirts" to be heavy-weights. They both have the nerve of old stagers. They are now in jail at Vinton, Iowa, where they are to be tried.

The Mississippi Overflow.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS.

QUINCY, October 27.—At last reports the Sky levee still holds out, though the water is momentarily apprehended. Continued reports are received of the loss of stock on the bottoms below the city. It is stated that all the stock might have been safely removed if the owners had only recognized the probable extent of the disaster in time and driven them away. A farmer named Belcham had a lot of six fine colts on the bottoms. They were hemmed in by the flood and in attempting to swim out were caught on a wire fence where they struggled till all were drowned. It is impossible to tell how much stock has been lost by similar means. The water is now eighteen and a half feet above low water mark. It is expected that by to-night all railroad communication with the south and west will be cut off.

Our French Visitors at Philadelphia.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS.

PHILADELPHIA, October 27.—The French guests reached the Baltimore depot at 2:10 o'clock, where they were received by a large delegation of French and Swiss citizens and a battalion of the State Fencibles, under command of Major Ryan. A large number of citizens greeted the visitors and the council's committee having them in charge, then took carriages, and, preceded by the societies, military and a detachment of police, were driven to Fifth and Chestnut streets, which they reached at 3:15 p. m. At the mayor's office the French, with the French ministers were introduced to Mayor King by Chairman Miles. The mayor said, "I most cordially welcome you in name of the city of Philadelphia." After a suitable response, the visitors were taken to Independence hall.

Short Horn Breeders.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS.

JACKSONVILLE, Ill., October 27.—The ninth annual convention of the National association of short horn breeders finished its business last night in this city. The attendance was not large, but was composed of many of the best known breeders in the United States. The practice of offering for sale animals of faulty pedigree was deprecated, and the question of consolidating all herd books into one publication was favorably considered. The next meeting will be held in Chicago in November, 1882.

Notes from Orleans.

ORLEANS, Nebraska, October 27.—At the present time we are enjoying a red-hot county seat fight. Orleanites expect to move the county seat from Alma. The Almatites are determined that they will hold the same. The country people are about evenly divided. Both parties are doing their utmost to accomplish their end. There are also two sets of candidates in the field for the county offices—the republican and people's tickets. A lively time is expected.

TRAVELER.

A Water Famine Threatened.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NEW YORK, October 27.—All classes of citizens are becoming aroused to the necessity of carefully guarding the water supply to prevent the awful possibility of the threatened famine. The authorities are taking extreme caution and an order has been issued to the police to see that no water is used for flushing the gutters, washing sidewalks, house fronts, etc., and any one attempting to do so will be immediately arrested. The present supply will not be adequate to last more than seventeen days, and rains must be very continuous in order to drench the parched ground and filter into the streams from which the supply for the reservoirs is received. The Forty-second street reservoir should be kept full to the brim as a reserve in case of a big fire, but to fill it now would deplete the supply necessary for the daily use of the public and cannot be done.

The Von Steuben Party.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS.

CINCINNATI, October 27.—The Von Steuben party arrived here at 7 o'clock this morning, consisting of seven members of the Von Steuben family, Hon. J. Walker Blaine, Hon. John Davis and Mr. Van Burt, secretary of the German legation. They remain here one day, visiting Music hall, Clifton and places of interest about the city and dine at 6 p. m. at the Queen City club. They leave to-morrow for St. Louis, spend one day there, then two days in Chicago, spend one day at Niagara Falls, one day at West Point and then sail, and sail for home November 10th.

New York Democracy.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NEW YORK, October 27.—The regular democracy of this city held a mass meeting at Cooper institute to-night to ratify the democratic state and county nominations. E. Ellery Anderson was elected chairman. Speeches were made by Hon. Thomas L. Clingman, of North Carolina; Hon. Samuel J. Randall, of Pennsylvania; ex-Governor Walker, of Virginia, and Hon. John W. Forney.

Cheyenne County People's Convention.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE BEE.

SIDNEY, Neb., October 27.—The people's county convention met here to-day. J. J. McIntosh chairman, H. B. Cushing secretary. After the report of the committee on credentials the following ticket was nominated: Jas. Sutherland, treasurer; J. J. McIntosh, county clerk; Jno. Haas, commissioner; S. O. Fowler, sheriff; Julius Mubnar, judge; Joseph Oberfelder, superintendent of public instructions, and D. P. Bordwell, surveyor.

Boytton's Voyage Down the Missouri.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE BEE.

STOUCX CITY, Iowa, October 27.—Captain Paul Boynton renews his voyage down the Missouri in his rubber safety suit at 10:30 a. m. to-morrow. He is accompanied by James Creelman Canvaist, a correspondent of the New York Herald.

A Disastrous Explosion.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS.

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., October 27.—A disastrous explosion occurred here on the track of the Indianapolis, Bloomington & Western road. As train No. 15, E. S. Claybourne conductor, and A. C. Bennett, engineer, was moving from the depot, at 6:30 this morning, the boiler of the engine exploded, hoisting the engine entirely from the track. The engineer escaped, but fireman Carleton, of this city, and brakeman Rhodes, of Bloomington, were thrown a considerable distance. Carleton was badly scalded on the head and body and cannot live long. Rhodes was badly scalded on the legs and arms.

CHICAGO JOYS.

An Interesting Batch of News From the Queen of the West.

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