

DEMOC'S LOVE FEAST.

The Convention at Buffalo Too Sweetly Harmonious for Republican Hopes.

The Delegates Lovingly Embrace and Shout for Sammy, John and Grover.

The Glorious Deeds of the Latter Recounted and Gushingly Commended.

The Republicans of Maryland With Envious Eyes the Bourbon Grip of Power.

New York Democracy.

BUFFALO, September 27.—The Democratic state convention opened at noon. Delegates took their seats in a very orderly manner. As Kelly entered the hall he was cheered by Tammany and Irving hall delegations in the gallery. Delegates arrived in a body no preference being shown to any distinct body in admittance. It was a noticeable fact that John Kelly was the only delegate cheered on entering the hall. Daniel Manning, chairman of the state committee, called the convention to order, and presented the name of Alfred C. Chapin, of Kings, as temporary chairman. Chapin spoke briefly. His remarks were only interrupted when the name of Governor Cleveland was mentioned. Then the delegates applauded Tammany and Irving hall men, however, remained silent. In the roll call, when the name of Samuel J. Tilden was read, the convention greeted it with long continued applause. Francis Lynch, a Stetson county delegate, presented a protest on behalf of thirty-four county democracy delegates against the admission of Tammany representation. Protestants referred to committee on contested seats when appointed. Senator Grady arose when his name was called and gave notice that Tammany delegates whose names were excluded from the roll would present a protest against the admission of county democracy delegates. Ex-Justice Callahan, Irving Hall delegate, said he desired to present a protest against the admission of Francis Lynde and 37 others, and Thomas F. Grady and 23 others, as delegates. These were also referred. When the name of John Kelly was called the convention applauded loud and long. In response to a call of an enthusiastic delegate three cheers were given with a will for Kelly. The county democracy representatives remained silent.

At the conclusion of the roll call the committee on contested seats were chosen. John T. Henry read a communication from the Anti-Monopoly league, asking the convention to reaffirm the principles in last year's platform, in reference to placing some restrictive powers on the grasping corporations. H. Franey, on behalf of the workingmen, offered resolutions, the first asking for the abolition of the contract system in penal institutions, to secure for children the benefits of free schools, by prohibiting employment in factories and workshops persons under 14 years of age, and the extension of a State bureau of printing. The resolutions were all referred. Recess. Upon reassembling a resolution was carried distributing the seats in the convention to which the county of New York is entitled as follows: County democracy 58, Tammany Hall 24, Irving Hall 10. Through the efforts of the latter county, was chosen permanent chairman.

THE PLATFORM.

The resolutions following were adopted unanimously: The democracy of New York reaffirms the platform adopted at its last state convention, which has received the approval of the people, as shown by a majority of nearly 200,000 at the last election, and they especially denounce the proposition that the people should be taxed to raise a surplus fund for the federal government to distribute among states. We claim with pride and satisfaction that every pledge therein made has been in good faith redeemed. Valuable reforms have been wrought; useless offices have been abolished; the civil service has been freed from the debasing and injurious influence of partisan manipulation; the freedom and purity of primaries has been secured; political assessments have been abolished; receivership abuses have been corrected; the principle of local self government has been adhered to; the efficiency of the National guard has been increased, a taxation for the support of the government has been reduced; a State bureau of labor statistics has been established; the right of working men have been further protected and the injurious competition of convict labor has been curtailed and business methods made the rule in the management of State affairs. On the record thus made and to which it will steadfastly adhere, the Democratic party asks a renewal of the confidence of the people. We invite with renewed all friends of improved State administration, irrespective of party, to join with the Democracy in preserving and perfecting the reforms in progress and in extending them to all branches of the State service. We heartily endorse Governor Cleveland's administration. It justifies the great vote which elected him and he has deservedly won the affection of the people by his industry, firmness and intelligence and his administration one of the best the State ever had.

Isaac H. Maynard and Wm. Parcell were then named for Secretary of State. The ballot resulted: Maynard 293, Parcell 173. The nomination of Maynard was immediately made unanimous.

At a late hour the ticket was completed as follows: Comptroller, Alfred C. Chapin; State Treasurer, Robt. A. Maxwell; Attorney General, Denis O'Brien.

Maryland Republicans.

BALTIMORE, September 27.—The Republican State convention to nominate candidates for Governor, Comptroller and Attorney-General, met at 11 o'clock, and was called to order by Henry Stackbridge, chairman of the state central committee. Hon. J. M. Harrison was elected temporary chairman. Committee on credentials and resolutions were

appointed as W. D. Lambert

When the convention temporary officers were made permanent and the report of the committee on resolutions adopted. Hart B. Holton, of Baltimore county, was by acclamation named for Governor. J. L. H. Smith (colored), of Baltimore, in the name of 40,000 colored voters of Maryland, guaranteed 40,000 black votes would be placed in the ballot boxes for Holton. The ticket was completed as follows: Comptroller, Washington Smith, of Dorchester; Attorney General, R. Stockert Matthews, of Baltimore.

The platform adopted approves Administration, and declares that the gravest abuses now exist in the administration of the State Government. The remainder of the resolutions referred to State matters exclusively.

The Butler Ticket.

BOSTON, September 27.—It is reported that a cable dispatch has been received by the Democratic committee from J. O. Prince, positively refusing the nomination for Lieutenant Governor. The chairman of the Democratic executive committee denies the report of Mr. Prince's declination. The Globe (Dem.) says Mr. Prince has not withdrawn, while The Post (Dem.) editorially accepts the report as true. Prince's son says it is highly improbable that his father will accept the nomination, in account of Mrs. Prince's health, for which the ex-mayor is now abroad.

VILLARD'S DANGER.

Stockholders of the Northern Pacific Dissatisfied with the President's Management.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE SPECIAL. CHICAGO, September 27.—The great attack on the Northern Pacific has lasted a week and resulted in a fearful depreciation of all the properties which are known in Wall street as "Villards." The exact state of affairs has been a mystery to the street. The largest private investors in the stock reside in this city. These large stockholders have given President Villard a full year for two years or more. He has been a most expensive president. The capitalists who are interested in Northern Pacific and the corporations identical with it on the Pacific coast complain that his management of the road has been needlessly extravagant, and they make four points against him: 1. He has wasted money in rushing the road to completion, and in getting out of the reach of Congressional legislation in regard to land grants might have been a good thing, but while he was doing it Mr. Villard got into the way of a Congressional investigation and spent a great deal of money.

2. The construction of branches, at a high cost of rental to the Northern Pacific along the main line and on the Pacific coast. 3. Projecting terminal facilities at Portland which, it is said, will cost \$6,000,000, if Mr. Villard's ideas are carried out. 4. The want of judgment in the selection of inferior subordinates. The road needs a more capable railroad manager at both ends of the line.

The policy which has been followed by Mr. Villard has created a floating debt of \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000. It is held that prudent management would have exerted any such weight on the company. There has been some consultation with the principal stockholders who control the board of directors, and a plan of action has virtually been agreed on. The man who is elected president of the road must be one who can make money rather than spend it. If Mr. Villard will pledge himself to thorough reform in the matter of spending money, if he can satisfy his backers that in the future the road will be run in the interest of the stockholders and in accordance with those rules of economy which govern successful corporate enterprises, and if he will allow the board of directors to know all the details of expenditure, he doubtless will be re-elected president. If not he will not be chosen the head of the road.

An interesting question now is how Mr. Villard will meet the important and vital issue which threatens to cut his career. Heretofore his will and word have been law. In the future there must be a divided responsibility with the real owners of the road, no matter who is elected president. There will be no trouble about providing for the deficiency in money. There is full confidence in the earning capacity of the road. The board of directors will do one of two things: Issue a second mortgage, or a debenture loan for \$15,000,000, or perhaps less, to run for 20 years, payable at any time after 10 years. The Oregon proposition is being withdrawn, and work will be placed on the line. If the floating debt is funded, the entire bonded indebtedness of the road will be less than \$35,000,000 per mile.

The Maryville Reunion.

KANSAS CITY, September 27.—The Journal's Maryville (Mo.) special says: The attendance at the third and last day of the annual reunion of southwest Iowa and northwest Missouri was 15,000 to 20,000. At a business meeting in the morning officers were elected for the ensuing year, and Creston, Iowa, chosen as the place of meeting next year. The propriety of fighting a sham battle at future reunions was discussed and it was the sense of the meeting that they be discontinued. The exercises to-day were uniformly successful and the show but passed without accident. The surplus revenue from the present meeting is \$4,000, to be devoted to a purse for the benefit of the family of John Small, the veteran accidentally killed yesterday.

The Catholic Benevolent Union.

PROVIDENCE, September 27.—The Catholic Benevolent Union of the United States re-elected A. M. Keely, ex-mayor of Richmond, Va., president. A resolution was passed calling the attention of congress to the purchases of large tracts of land by foreign individuals, titled and untitled, during legislation to prevent it, also expressing sympathy with the people of Ireland. Adjourned.

Coleridge in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, September 27.—Lord Chief Justice Coleridge and party arrived this evening in a motor car, and were met by a committee of reception and escorted to the Southern hotel in this city. The reception of his honor took place to-night at the residence of Girard B. Allen, a prominent citizen.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

The Bottlers of Weiss Beer Refused a Re-Hearing by Commissioner Evans.

The Expedition for the Bodies of the Jeannette Victims Heard From.

Preparations Commenced for the December Opening—Pensions Asked for Rebel Soldiers—A Large Collection of Items.

CAPITAL NOTES.

WASHINGTON, September 27.—Commissioner of Internal Revenue Evans has written a letter to the attorney for the Weiss beer manufacturers, in reply to a brief filed some days ago by the latter, urging reconsideration of the commissioner's decision in regard to bottling weiss beer from stamped packages, declining to reopen the question, and reaffirming his former decision. He says, after careful examination of the argument submitted, he has reached the conclusion that weiss beer is unquestionably a fermented liquor, and as such, comes within the scope of statute relating to removal of fermented liquors from stamped packages.

RESIGNED.

The resignation of Judge Ray, chief of the division of postal laws and regulations of the postoffice department, has been tendered the Postmaster General, and will probably be accepted. The Postmaster General has the highest respect and esteem for Judge Ray, and their relations remain perfectly friendly.

THE JEANNETTE VICTIMS.

It is expected at the navy department that Lieut. Harbo, who was sent to Siberia to assist in the Jeannette search and who was afterwards ordered to bring to America the bodies of Lieut. DeLong, Dr. Ambler and Jerome Collins, will leave Irkutsk about the 1st of November next, and will probably be accompanied with the bodies sometime in January.

PENSIONS FOR REBEL SOLDIERS.

The application of rebel soldiers for pensions, and the collection of a fee for prosecuting such claims by pension agent, would seem to be the height of absurdity or the worst of swifdies. Yet such cases are actually being investigated by Commissioner Dudley. The agent implicated in this transaction is N. W. Fitzgerald, of this city, of whom so much has been written, that his disbarment from practice before the pension bureau is a certainty, unless he withdraws voluntarily, while he has a chance. Colonel Dudley will make a call upon Fitzgerald for an explanation this week, although the evidence now before him is apparently convincing, the application for pension stating plainly that the soldier served in the Confederate army. Fitzgerald sold his fine residence property during the past week to Colonel R. G. Ingersoll, and other pieces of real estate owned by him are reported to be for sale. These preparations indicate his retirement from business, and it is understood he intends to leave for Europe this fall.

PUTTING POSTAL CLERKS UNDER BOND.

Postmaster Conger, of Washington, having established a rule requiring all employees in his office to furnish a bond, much complaint has been caused thereby. Mr. Conger says that 75 per cent of the clerks in the office were engaged at times in handling matter that would enable them, if they chose to be dishonest, to make it very embarrassing to the postmaster, if not cause him considerable pecuniary loss.

"There can be no objection that I can see," said Mr. Conger, "to a postmaster requiring bonds from every clerk in his office if he desires to. I found that not a single clerk in the registry division was bonded, where packages containing millions of dollars in the aggregate are handled yearly, and that even in the money order division some of the clerks were not under bond. I am bonded for a large sum and I have a right, I think, to exact some guarantee from the employees in the office."

EXPERIMENTAL UNDERGROUND WIRES.

Permission has been granted for the laying of an experimental underground telephone and telegraph cable, from the War Department through to the White House, Treasury and Capitol. All the wires now running into the Capitol have been under the ground, and work will be permitted to put pipes in the Capitol grounds has always been refused.

MAKING CONGRESSMEN COMFORTABLE.

The six large boilers on the House side of the capitol used for heating purposes, are being repaired, and will be ready, thoroughly next week. Extensive repairs are also being made on the Senate heating and ventilating apparatus. An increased supply of fresh air will be given this winter, certain Senators having complained of a want of proper ventilation.

ESTIMATING EXPENSES FOR NEXT YEAR.

The preparation of estimates for the expenses of the coming fiscal year is now occupying the attention of Secretary Teller and nearly all the bureau officials in the other departments are similarly engaged, and will be so until about the 5th of October, when the result of their labors will be submitted.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Bonds received for redemption under the 12th call to date, \$21,000,000.

By Glasco, of this city, has been disbursed in a patent for a new method of the Interior Department on account of irregular practices.

The values of the exports of breadstuffs August, 1883, \$18,816,199; same month of 1882, \$28,951,320; for eight months, August 31, 1883, \$114,237,045; same time, 1882, 110,275,898.

Judge Thomas, of the Civil Service Commission, returned to the city Monday evening. He and Dr. Gregory are engaged in the examination of papers and other routine matter pending before the Commission. Mr. Eaton is still absent.

Gen. Sherman has fixed upon the 1st of November as the date upon which he will turn over the command to Gen. Sheridan, and practically retire to civil life, although he will not be placed on

the retired list of the army until the 8th of February.

Secretary Chandler has directed the acceptance of the highest bids received for the condemned vessels of the navy. These bids amount in the aggregate to \$308,273; appraised value of all the vessels, \$271,300; excess of bids over appraised value, \$36,973.

Civil service commissioners have not yet replied to Secretary Folger's inquiry as to the preference to be given to honorably discharged veterans of the late war, in making appointments. It is understood they consider that the law itself leaves no room for doubt on this question, but that they disagree with Secretary Folger as to their being an equality between the four persons certified to him, from among whom to make his selection, when such persons do not rate equally in their examination.

SPORTING NOTES.

NEW MARKET RACES. LONDON, September 27.—At the Newmarket October meeting to-day the race for the Grand Duke Michael stakes, three year olds, was won by Leopold de Rothschild's Hamako, Lefevre's Ladislas second, J. R. Keene's Balero third. At the 2:30 race, the other handicap race was won by Lord Zeland's McMahon, Lord Rosebery's Vista second, Prince Soltykoff's Seabell third.

BEACON PARK RACES. BOSTON, September 27.—Beacon Park meeting, track good. Stallion Ribbell took two more heats and won the pacers' race, unfinished yesterday; time, 2:17. Three minutes class, Pilot Knox won, Challenge second, Middleton, Sr., third; time, 2:29, 2:35, 2:32. Special purse of \$2,000, divided. Clamie G. won, J. B. Thomas second, Wilson third; time, 2:24, 2:20, 2:21. The Stallion Cushing was trotted to heat 2:30, but did not make a mile in less than 2:37.

LOUISVILLE JOCKEY CLUB. LOUISVILLE, September 27.—Fourth day of the fall meeting of the Louisville Jockey Club. Louisville stakes, all ages, mile heats, Freedom won, Gleaner second, April third; time, 1:46, 1:45, 1:54. Selling race, all ages, McBowling won, Galileo second, Lelax third; time, 1:59. Walnut Hill stakes, for two-year-olds, winning penalties and maiden allowances, one mile, McBowling won, Cora Tucker second, Conkling third; time, 1:47.

Association purse, for three-year-olds, mile and one-eighth, Centreville won, Vanguard second, Olivette third, time, 1:52. Association purse, for two-year-olds, five furlongs, Bob Miles won, Admiral second, East third; time, 1:02.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES. HULTON, Pa., September 27.—Late this afternoon the wind subsided, and the racing commenced, with the leading heat between the two-year-olds, and McCall, who won a death heat yesterday. After their won, and being very tired, it was decided to postpone the decisive heat till to-morrow. The first heat of the professional race was won by Hamm, Riley second, Briceland third; time, 22 minutes. Connelly won the second heat, Mott second, and McCall third; time, 21 minutes. Third heat, Toemer won, Lee second, Casey third; time, 20:50. The balance of the professional heats were postponed on account of darkness.

BRIGHTON BEACH RACES. BRIGHTON BEACH, September 27.—Purse race, two-year-olds, three-fourths of a mile, Logan won, B-ulotte second, Peerless third; time 1:17. Purse, race, selling allowances, mile and a furlong, Gath won, Montauk second, Harry Mansfield third; time, 1:57. Purse race, selling allowances, mile and a furlong, Arsenic won, Dizzy Blonde second, Electric third; time, 1:57. Purse race for three-year-olds and upwards, mile and a quarter, Hilarity won, Ida B. second, Red Fox third, time, 2:12.

Purse race, all ages, three-fourths of a mile, Red won, little Katie second, Joe third; time, 1:10.

RACE BALL. PHILADELPHIA, September 27.—Chicago 5, Philadelphia 3.

NEW YORK, September 27.—Detroit 10, New York 2—8 innings.

PROVIDENCE, September 27.—Buffalo 4, Providence 2.

BOSTON, September 27.—Boston 4, Cleveland 1.

SPRINGFIELD, September 27.—Springfield 13, St. Louis 3.

QUINCY, September 27.—Grand Rapids 14, Quincy 5.

SPRINGFIELD, September 27.—The Springfield base ball club held a meeting to-night and decided to disband, letting their remaining two games go by default.

ILLINOIS STATE FAIR. CHICAGO, September 27.—The attendance at the state fair to-day was estimated at 75,000. There were two trotting races during the afternoon—that for stallions in service for the season of 1883 was won by Pancoat, Independent second, Highland Chief third; best time, 2:21. For three-year-olds, mile heats, Elvina first, Wildwood second, Epaulette third; best time, 2:21.

THE MILITARY MATCH. NEW YORK, September 27.—At Creedon to-day the Seventh regiment won The Army and Navy Journal match, score 370, out of a possible 459, at 501 yards.

REGATTA POSTPONED. DETROIT, September 27.—The international regatta, which was fixed for to-day at St. Clair, has been postponed till next year.

French Pacifists. OTTAWA, September 27.—Two Frenchmen, Lamiar and Lachelle, had arranged a prize fight on the shore of St. Mary's lake for Monday. As they were about to begin, the parish priest drove up, pushed through the crowd and demanded the pugilists, under pain of excommunication, to cease hostilities. The men reluctantly desisted. Some of the crowd expressed indignation in words complimentary to the Rev. Father. This indignation was not shared by the priest, who was a match being arranged for the following day between two men named Martin and Ammond. This battle took place and lasted 25 minutes. Ammond was worsted.

Opera House Equality. ATLANTA, September 27.—Manager L. Devige, of Devige's opera house, was arrested at the instigation of W. D. Moore (colored), ejected from the opera house last winter for insisting upon sitting among white people.

CROPPIES, LIE DOWN.

The Orangemen of Tyrone Violently Attack the Agitators of Home Rule.

Great Excitement Created by a Rumor That Parnell Was Shot.

The Bulgarian Bounce Cuts Russia to the Quick and Turkey Threatens to Gobble.

Condition of Affairs in Tonquin.

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS. ORANGE RIOTS IN TYRONE. LONDON, September 27.—The Daily Chronicle has issued a postscript stating that there is great excitement in Dublin, owing to the rumor that the Orangemen shot Parnell. There appears to be some truth in the report. At any rate, it is certain that Parnell is wounded. It is stated a bullet went through his body. Another account says the affair was accidental. No further details have been received.

A dispatch from Danganon, County Tyrone, states that a covered cart containing, it is supposed, Parnell, was fired into, but the occupant was not injured. This probably explains the rumor of Parnell being shot.

DUNAGNON, September 27.—Healy, O'Connor and O'Brien, members of Parliament, succeeded in speaking here to-day. The police prevented a collision with the Orangemen. All the streets leading to the place of the meeting were guarded by soldiers. The speakers were accompanied to the railway station by the unoccupied streets. Many arrests were made. O'Connor was attacked at Portadown by Orangemen, but escaped.

THE BULGARIAN DISPUTE. ST. PETERSBURG, September 27.—The Journal de St. Petersburg regards the situation in Bulgaria dangerous.

It is reported that the Russian government will issue a note to the European powers taking exception to the recent changes in the government of Bulgaria, by which Prince Alexander removed the Russian Ministers, and Skobloff and French forces in Tonquin, together with the heads of thirty soldiers killed in making the sortie from Hanoi the 19th of May last, have been recovered.

ADVISES FROM FRENCH SOURCES dated Hanoi, September 16th, state the black flags abandoned Sontag and the villages of Pkang and Luang, and retired to the left bank of the Red river. Several mandarins have given in their submission to French authority. The French forces will undertake no offensive operations until after the arrival of reinforcements from France. No mention is made of the reported defection of the yellow flags by the black flags.

The report of China to France's memorandum is received. Several of the proposals of France were rejected.

The Algerian insurgent chief Si Sliman has been killed at the feast by two other chiefs.

A TONY TIE. LONDON, September 27.—The daughter of Lord Mayor was married this morning to Mr. Aitkin. The wedding was the third in St. Paul's since 1758.

HEADS PRESERVED. HONG KONG, September 27.—The head of Captain Reviere, commander of the national force in Tonquin, together with the heads of thirty soldiers killed in making the sortie from Hanoi the 19th of May last, have been recovered.

SULEIMAN KILLED. ALEXANDRIA, September 27.—It is reported that Suleiman Pasha, recently appointed Governor of East Sudan, has been murdered by the Arabs.

THE NATIONAL INSURANCE COMMISSION. COLUMBUS, September 27.—At the national convention of the insurance commission to-day the time for making the annual reports was extended to January 20th. The following was adopted: "That this convention condemns the practice in vogue by several companies of making loans on stocks of other insurance companies." The following officers were elected: President, John A. McCall; Vice-President, Charles H. Moore; Secretary, Charles P. Swigert; Executive Committee, Oliver Pillsbury, New Hampshire; Eugene Pringle, Michigan; R. B. Morris, Kansas; Ephraim Williams, Connecticut; John C. Abbott, Colorado. The convention adjourned to meet in Chicago next September.

A Slick Business Thief. MONTREAL, September 27.—An Englishman named C. S. Dewey, who came here in August last from Liverpool, and began business as produce shipper to England. He brought letters from the best houses in England, which obtained for him business and credit. It was discovered to-day that Dewey on the 16th inst., obtained an advance of \$30,000 of Mattoon's bank on forged bills of lading. He also obtained \$29,000 from the produce firm in New York. His thefts amount to \$100,000. Detectives are on his track.

Illinois Salmon-Keepers. QUINCY, September 27.—The State Protection association to-day fixed the secretary's salary at \$1,000 a year, and selected Chicago as the place of meeting next year. No other important business was transacted. To-night a grand banquet and ball was given by the local association in honor of the visitors. Speeches were made by William Steinweber, James E. Parnell, Peter Havelborough and Mrs. McKenough. The delegates will leave for home to-morrow morning.

The Reduction in Newspaper Prices. NEW YORK, September 27.—The newsdealers, a factor hitherto unconsulted in the way of rates among local newspapers, are beginning to move against the reduction of their profits. As the price of the various papers dropped, their commissions decreased. The deal-

ers' commissions, which before ranged from 1/2 to 1/4 cents for each paper, now ranges from 1/4 to 1 cent. The most unsatisfactory feature is outside the city. News boys as well as dealers sell the papers at about the same price as before. It is thought that this may cause a return to the old prices.

The Mexican Fever Spreading. SAN FRANCISCO, September 27.—It is proposed to establish quarantine at Yuma, Arizona, to prevent the introduction of Mexican yellow fever into the United States. It is understood the railroad authorities will co-operate. Yellow fever has broken out at La Paz. The heat is intense. People are fleeing in all directions to escape the fever and in search of cooler atmosphere. Justice Field, of the United States Supreme Court, left this afternoon for the east.

Associated Charities. LOUISVILLE, September 27.—The conference of the associated charities and correction held an interesting meeting to-day, which was addressed by Rabbi Sonnenschein, of St. Louis. A number of reports from different sources were submitted and referred.

Successful Arbitration. PITTSBURGH, September 27.—Umpire McCune to-day decided that 3 1/2 cents per bushel should be the wages of railroad coal miners in this district, from October 1st to April 1st, 1884. The miners want 3 1/2 cents and the operators were willing to pay 3 cents. Both sides have accepted the umpire's decision, and there will be no strike.

The Railroad Rate War. CHICAGO, September 27.—There is nothing new in the passenger rate war to the south. Negotiations were entered into to-day for a meeting of managers of the warring lines at Cincinnati to-morrow, with a view to a settlement of the differences and the restoration of rates. The meeting will probably be held.

Starved to Death. ST. LOUIS, September 27.—Col. Frank Davidson, late of the firm of Marand, Duke, Brown & Co., of this city, and well known in the south and west, succumbed yesterday at Van Buren, Ark., where he had lately been editing a newspaper. Financial embarrassment is said to be the cause.

TELEGRAPH NOTES. Alfonso has left Hamburg for Brussels. Heavy frost Wednesday night at Springfield, Ill. Corn out of danger in that locality. Geo. W. Rutledge, general manager of the Texas and St. Louis railroad since last January, has resigned.

The battle between Johnny Fines of Chicago and Nixey Lovell of Liverpool, in New York, was prevented by the police.

The inauguration of the national monument to General Grant takes place to-day at Gettysburg with imposing ceremonies.

The colored convention, after the adoption of an address, did no business of importance, and adjourned. Most of the members have gone home.

At the railroad conference in San Francisco yesterday J. C. Galt, late general manager of the Washburn road, was elected commissioner of the lines west of the Missouri river. This closes the business of the conference.

The Republican State Convention of Maryland met at 11 o'clock this morning, organized and adjourned for dinner.

The steamer Rotherdam, of the Netherlands-American Steam Navigation Company line, stranded at noon today in Benjaard, and lies in a bad condition. Benjaard is on the coast of Zealand, and contains numerous steam banks, on one of which the Rotherdam is stranded. Passengers safely landed.

The strike of coal miners in the neighborhood of Connetquot, Pa., threatens to become general unless the contract is made. The strike of weavers at Ashton-under-Lyne is settled. It is expected work in the factories will be resumed this week.

Three diplomas have been awarded the American exhibitors in the electrical exhibition at Vienna.

It is stated that James McDermott, the American who was recently ordered to be discharged from custody in Liverpool, refuses to quit the prison, and contains protest against his release, as he fears he will be murdered unless the authorities make provisions for his safety.

COL. DUDLEY'S ARITHMETIC. Significance of His Overestimating Pension Expenses by \$50,000,000.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—The extraordinary differences in Commissioner Dudley's pension estimates confuse the Treasury officers, and upset their plans. Only eighteen months ago Col. Dudley prophesied that he would need \$150,000,000 for pensions for what is now the current fiscal year. This stalwart estimate shocked even Congress, but that body prepared to meet the drain. It was accordingly passed, however, that in the face of such enormous expenditures no considerable reduction could be made in taxation. But upon second sober thought Col. Dudley knocked off the trifling sum of \$50,000,000, and told Congress he believed he could get a long with a round hundred millions. Congress again took him at his word, and gave him what he asked.

It now looks, however, as if he had once more overestimated the pension issuing capacity of his office. It is doubtful if the bureau can spend this year more than \$75,000,000. Last year it disbursed only \$69,000,000, and the Commissioner says he is now well up in work, and has to wait upon the mails to find employment for his clerks. In fact, he says he does not need all the new force given him, and will ask Congress to cut down his force by 250 names.

The immense importance of this change of views on Col. Dudley's part is apparent. The large disbursements of the Pension Bureau was the chief argument to retain a high tax on tobacco, but now it is seen that the Treasury is to be called on to pay out \$75,000,000 less this year than was originally calculated, and \$25,000,000 less than was counted upon when the tariff and internal revenue reforms were under discussion. Hence it is probable that the surplus revenue will be very large if other conditions are favorable, and the old question will recur, what is to be done with the surplus?

REES RECEIVES IT.

Echoes From the Republican Convention at Lincoln.

The Break for Lake Broken by a Bush for Rees.

The Part University Students Played in the Nomination of Regents.

Special Correspondent of THE BEE. LINCOLN, Sept. 27.

The State convention did not adjourn until after one o'clock, and the election of regents was hurried through in the usual careless manner, yet it cannot be said that a bad choice was made. Valentine proposed that two regents be chosen from each Congressional district, and this plan was adopted, thereby preventing the re-election of President Holmes, of the First district, Gere and Gannett still holding their places in that district. It was denied that Gannett had resigned, but the Douglas county men, generally understanding that Mr. Gannett would serve no longer, insisted by resolution that in case the resignation of Mr. Gannett should be received by the Governor, that Mr. Sidney E. Locke be appointed in his place.

In the Second Congressional District M. S. Hull of Clay county, J. M. Hiatt of Harlan, William Snell of Jefferson, Ed. McIntrye of Seward and M. B. C. True of Adams, were the candidates for the warring lines at Cincinnati to-morrow, with a view to a settlement of the differences and the restoration of rates. The meeting will probably be held.