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THERE certainly can be no significance in the fact that democratic presidential nominees are most talked of.  
SAM JONES will try to reform New Orleans. Archimedes of old once thought he could move the world.  
It is stated that Secretary Bayard is going to be married again. It is useless to say that his intended does not live in Mexico.  
A WOOD-CUT picture of the fair lady now being printed, robs the beauty and sentiment from the wonderful lines of Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

With Dr. Miller a resident of New York, the sage of Arbor lodge can now arise in all his glory and exclaim, "I am monarch of all I survey!"  
THE thought of a half million Americans going to whip Canada, and all sailing in the Dolphin, would make even a sea serpent ashamed of itself.  
GENERAL CROOK, now in Boston, has recovered from his recent illness. Apache Indians were bad enough, but Boston society proved too much for the general.

Nor in this world alone are they having dynamite explosions and earthquakes. A large chunk was knocked off a passing star the other night—supposed to be the work of refractory communists and the deadly compound.  
In answering a young woman's question, of how she could dispense with an objectionable suitor, the historic William Nye suggests that she sing to her lover "sad, soulful songs, like 'Mush, Mush,' and 'In the Gloaming.'"  
JOHN B. FINCH is attempting to show to the people of Massachusetts that prohibition is best. If the people of the Bay state knew John Finch as well as we do out here, his receptions would hardly be as grand as now.  
THE convict labor bill was passed by the senate, and now goes to the governor for the required signature. And it should be recorded that Mr. Mosher did not pay the Republican outfit the money they wanted and demanded.

A MAN was sentenced to be hanged in Kansas City the other day. He told the judge that when he made his few remarks upon the scaffold, he proposed to divulge the secret regarding the wonderful statements of their clearing house. The judge at once apologized to the prisoner and extended to him the freedom of the city.  
FORTY days of the legislature have passed into eternity. There have been more disastrous occurrences consuming forty days' time, in the history of the world. We can now recall but one historic happening, however. That was the flood in which Noah played a prominent part. But even the facts connected with that are shrouded in mystery and doubt. The more recent happening, however, admits of no doubt. The grim and checked spectacle of large sums of money wantonly squandered with practically no good accomplished will forever haunt the burdened tax payers. And twenty days more are to follow!

It is greatly to be hoped that among these measures sure to fail at this session of congress for lack of time to pass them, the joint resolution for an amendment to the constitution changing the beginning of the presidential term and of the term of a congress from March 4 to April 30, will not be included. The resolution has passed the senate and been favorably reported on in the house. No objection is urged to it, and it could be passed in five minutes if reached, and we hope it will be. The time for the change is appropriate. April 30, 1897, will be the 100th anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington, our first president. We do not know why or when this date was changed to March 4, but it was an unwise change. At the beginning of March the weather in Washington is often beastly, and the end of April it is often delightful, and therefore much more fitting for the inauguration ceremonies. Another good reason for the change is that two months will be added to the second session of congress. We will gladly accept two more months of Cleveland to secure so desirable a change as this.

**Delaying Appropriation Bills.**  
The policy of delaying appropriation bills until the closing days of the session of congress owes its origin to Mr. Randall. It was not the practice when the republicans were in control of the house, and did not come into vogue till the present chairman of the house appropriations committee discovered that it was an effective method of obstruction which would give him a practical control of legislation awaiting action in the last days of a session, and thus enable him to defeat measures to which he is opposed. Mr. Randall's power in congress dates from the inauguration of this policy, his persistent adherence to which has been a source of no small amount of annoyance and trouble to his own party. Opposition to his methods, however, have been unavailing. Changes in the present congress with the avowed purpose of preventing the chairman of the appropriations committee from continuing this policy, but they utterly failed of the object. The closing days of the session last year, although it was the long session, found Mr. Randall in the same attitude of obstruction that he had before occupied, and men wondered at the complete futility of the carefully prepared scheme to circumvent him. In the present session his policy has been carried out with greater boldness and obvious deliberation than ever before. The most important appropriation bills, involving large expenditures of money through many channels, have been deferred to within four days of the close of the session. For example, the legislative appropriation bill was not considered in the house until Monday and did not reach the senate until Tuesday night, where it of course had to go to the committee on appropriations of that body. Preceding this bill by only a few hours in the senate came the naval appropriation and deficiency bills, so that all three of these measures were crowded upon the senate committee at once. Regarding the deficiency bill, Mr. Cannon, a member of the house appropriations committee, stated that he had not seen it until Monday and complained that the republican minority of the committee had been ignored. A democratic member of the committee acknowledged that the report on the bill had never been submitted to the committee, having received simply the informal approval of the majority. In other words, the bill had been drawn to the satisfaction of Mr. Randall, his democratic colleagues of the committee approved it without a question, and that was deemed sufficient. Obviously it is not desirable that legislation of this character shall be subject so entirely to the direction of one man, however safe he may be.

It has been said in defense or palliation of Mr. Randall in this matter that it serves to prevent objectionable legislation that would almost certainly get through at the close of every session if the appropriation bills were not in the way to take precedence. This is doubtless so, but while undesirable legislation is defeated, some which is desirable may also fail. Such is very certain to be the case at the present session. There are at least half a dozen pending measures of very considerable importance which it will be hardly possible to reach and pass in the brief time remaining of this congress. They can wait, but there is no good reason why they should unless it be to gratify the presumed opposition to them of Mr. Randall. Another serious objection to this policy is that it does not allow the senate sufficient time to give the more important appropriation bills the thorough consideration they should receive from that body. Senator Allison, the chairman of the senate appropriations committee, says the necessary work will be accomplished, so far as his committee is concerned, so as to avoid the necessity of a called session, but it is clear that in order to do this a great deal must be accepted on the authority of the house committee, which is indeed the case as to the house itself. Furthermore the president does not get a fair opportunity to properly examine these bills and is compelled to act largely upon confidence in the judgment of the house committee. In a word, under the prevailing policy, the appropriations for carrying on the government are practically directed by the house committee having charge of this important duty, which in turn is under the very nearly unquestioned direction of Mr. Randall.

The Pennsylvania congressman enjoys in this matter a very much larger and more important power than ought to be allowed to any one man, and his arbitrary exercise of that power, more pronounced at this session than ever before, suggests that there should be a radical change in the rules of the next house or some one besides Mr. Randall ought to be placed at the head of the appropriations committee. He has greatly intensified the opposition to him in the present house, which will undoubtedly make itself felt in the next, and it is by no means unlikely that he may at the close of this congress finally terminate his career as chairman of the appropriations committee.

**The President Gets a Trotter.**  
The proverbial obstinacy of President Cleveland is again conspicuously illustrated in his nomination of a Massachusetts colored man, J. M. Trotter, to be recorder of deeds for the District of Columbia in place of the Albany colored man Matthews, twice rejected by the senate. The chief ground of opposition to the latter was the fact of his not being a resident of the District. There were sound objections to him on personal grounds, which doubtless had their influence in causing his rejection, but the supreme objection was the fact that he was an importation, for which there was no necessity, which was in violation of the pledge of the democratic platform regarding territorial appointments, and which was felt to be an unwarrantable insult and wrong to the faithful democrats of the District. The assumption that color had anything to do with the rejection of Matthews is baseless. The president has been made fully aware of the sentiment in the District, but it is plain that he is determined to wholly disregard it. It could be of no profit to it to tempt to divine his motive. For whatever reason he has never shown any concern for or interest in the people of the national capital. He has as far as possible kept aloof from them, and it is generally understood among them that they are outside the pale of executive sympathy and respect. There are strong democratic organizations there, composed of worthy and reputable citizens, which do efficient service for the party in the last national campaign to the extent of contributing liberally to the political fund, and did a very great deal to make the inauguration a brilliant success, but their views and wishes have no weight with Mr. Cleveland. The democrats of the District of Columbia received more consideration from republican executives than they have from the president of their own party. And there is no place in the country having an equal number of democrats where the president has fewer friends.

This last deliberate insult to the people, and more particularly the democrats, of the District, will greatly intensify the popular displeasure there with Mr. Cleveland, and we shall be very much surprised if there is not an earnest effort to make that displeasure widely felt. It was doubtless expected that after the experience with Matthews, who seemed to have a peculiar special claim upon Mr. Cleveland, the president would see the wisdom of according some consideration to the wishes of the people of the District in this matter. His failure to do so is not only a severe disappointment, but the insult is aggravated by the evident fact that he has been scouring the country to find another colored democrat to import. As foreshadowed in our Washington dispatches yesterday, the District of Columbia committee of the senate has reported adversely on the nomination of Trotter, so that his rejection may be regarded as assured. The result will doubtless be a repetition of the experience with Matthews. After the adjournment of congress, the president will undoubtedly reappoint Trotter, who will hold the office and secure its emoluments until Mr. Cleveland is disposed to send his name to the senate. He can pursue the course he has thus far followed to the end of his term, and it is not doubted he will do so, in order to keep a citizen of the District out of the office. The disgust expressed by democrats of Washington is very likely to extend to the party everywhere.

THE rejuvenated Republican with its invigorated and exhilarated editor continues at the old stand with the same code of ethics. Its columns are filled with the same old song about Rosewater. The tune is the same, the music is identical. The only difference in the new concern, compared with the old, is that Rothacker occupies Nye's chair in playing this railroad organ—while Taylor turns the music instead of Nye. Notwithstanding claims to the contrary, the audience grows smaller and the applause from the railroad quarters is labored. The Republican of to-day is but a melancholy reminiscence. Its few staunch friends confess in secret that it is a miserable failure. They admit that as a wrecker its editor is a success. As an editor he is a wretched error. To the community he is an eye sore. To the Republican he will prove a burden. However, the Republican has never been in the way of the Bee or its editor. In fact it has never been in the way of anybody. It tried to get a large sum of money out of Mr. Mosher. It wanted him to employ it to say nothing about the convict labor bill. Luckily, Mr. Mosher knows a bargain when he sees it. It continued to abuse him and oppose the measure. Its wonderful rhetoric and astounding logic succeeded in passing the bill. The Republican can continue to abuse Rosewater. Like Mr. Mosher he will never pay it to keep still. Its editor may continue to jabber. It was Macaulay who said "every age produces those links between the man and the baboon."

The river and harbor bill having passed both houses will doubtless receive the president's signature and become a law. The gratifying feature of the bill is the appropriation of \$25,000 for preliminary surveys of the Hennepin canal, and \$50,000 to begin construction. It is a small beginning, of course, but it establishes the work as a national enterprise and assures its ultimate accomplishment. Our internal waterways, natural and artificial, are of the utmost importance to the people in time of peace and to the nation in time of war. The closing of the Mississippi during the rebellion taught us what the possession of that great outlet to the ocean by an enemy meant to our interior states, and a war with England, with her access from the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the Lakes for vessels through the Welland canal would teach us the value of the Hennepin canal, which would give us like access for vessels to the Lakes from the Gulf of Mexico. But in time of peace an interior network of water communication is of incalculable importance as a check upon and regulator of our railroad system. Inter-state commerce bills are well, but cheap water competition is better. Every natural advantage to commerce should be fostered and developed.

MR. BESCHER says: "If a man believes in the old idea of hell to-day, he is a candidate for a lunatic asylum." Possibly, but without a hell what shall we do with those railroad managers who send out disabled engines to stall on a track and be crashed into by an express train, the result being the firing of the cars and the roasting of the passengers? Or those other managers who send a train rushing over a broken rail that by ordinary watchfulness should have been discovered, whereby the train is precipitated down an embankment into a frozen river, where thirty or forty more people are burned to a crisp in the inevitable fire from car stoves? These managers meet with no punishment by law; why should they not be burned hereafter as they almost daily burn other people now? These people and many more like them who hold human life and human rights so cheaply as against their dividends, flourish like green bay trees. They wax fat as they gather the dollars wet with human tears, stained with the smell of burning human flesh. If the next world is to be made as pleasant for them as this, it would seem that humanity's last protection against corporate rapacity has been destroyed.

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Kansas City Journal.  
There is no sort of truth in the report that Dan Lamont is to have the secretaryship of the treasury. Why, who would be president then?

**Kentucky's Crying Need.**  
San Francisco Alta.  
Mr. Watterson complains of the president's "aid nature." What Kentucky wants is a nature out of which you can wring high-wines.

**About the Size of It.**  
New York Leader.  
Democratic opposition in congress consists in cutting down the wages of skilled labor wherever a few republicans remain employed.

**A Sensible View of It.**  
Harper's Weekly.  
It must be clear to every honest advocate of prohibition that if public sentiment will not support the enforcement of high license it would certainly not support prohibition.

**Coming to Their Senses.**  
Boston Globe.  
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The first low murmur of the spring rush of settlers pervaded the land. Seventy carloads of emigrants and their movable possessions passed through Hastings west bound, last Saturday.

A Norfolk banker named Friedlander attempted to end a dispute with Mr. Schorogge with a revolver. Bill Blatt called his attention to a cocked shotgun and the quarrel dropped the argument and departed.

A prominent senator in Lincoln is putting in his spare hours on "An Analysis of the Vernon Kick." It will be illustrated with sketches taken on the spot, and distributed gratis to occupants of the front row.

The Elkhorn Valley road is said to have invested \$50,000 in Fremont real estate in the last two months. This is an offset to the purchase of two thousand acres in and around Omaha for shops and truckage.

The Broken Bow Times of last week contains a pictorial representation of "the honorable member from Sherman and Custer counties." The pose is refreshing and stimulating, mounted on wheels and spiked with a corkscrew.

Representative Watson of Otoe county tells it on himself. Last week, while lying very sick at the hotel, a committee of his constituents called on him regarding the cemetery bill. John was feeling as if his days might be short, and while it was rather a grave subject, he readily consented that the law should be made good and sound and put upon its passage at once.

The groceryman of Grand Island have solemnly agreed to dispense with solicitors. This is a despotism laid on the rights and privileges of domestics. In the whole vocabulary of kitchen gossip there is nothing so thrilling as the solicitor skipping the back fence at early morn and opening the foggy eyes of the cook with a chunk of scandal or a smack on the jaw.

Children authorities have been trying to break up the dance hall at that place, and have arrested the proprietor and his wife several times. The woman's evidence at the trial last week evinces a startling depth of depravity on the part of her husband, who is evidently a brute. He was released on bail, while she went to jail. The authorities, however, have determined that the dance hall must go.

The Platte mouth Journal complains that Omaha papers do not display sufficient enthusiasm in mentioning social business and other features of life in that city. Go to. The Bee watches the currents of life in the Cass metropolis and pounces upon every change of passing interest and cooks it to suit the varied tastes of readers by the thousands. Get a kick more on yourself, kill off the mosquitoes and cremate the kickers and the Bee will make your valleys ring with songs of praise and prosperity.

**Wyoming.**  
A new oil field has been discovered on Salt Creek, between Douglas and Buffalo. The Cheyenne Leader has abolished the dead "ads" and cut down its size to meet the requirements of the city.

Buildings planned and mostly completed for the summer, will cost in the neighborhood of half a million dollars.

Roadmaster Alexander McGregor, of the Cheyenne division of the Union Pacific, who has been transferred to Omaha, was presented by friends on the eve of his departure with a couple of years' worth of other testimonials valued at \$500. These included a beautiful silver tea set to Mrs. McGregor.

"Our local spy plot," says the Buffalo Sentinel, "was out of luck last Sunday. The spy who pretended to be a socialist on Sunday evening he would preach as his sermon 'the value of good men to the world,' but some fellow broke into his 'shack' on his ranch and stole the manuscript he had prepared on the subject, and consequently the meeting was busted up as far as a sermon on the above subject was concerned."

The plans of the proposed new Railroad hotel were in Cheyenne Sunday, but have been sent back to Omaha. It is proposed to begin the erection of the new hotel by the 1st of May, and possibly sooner.

The new hotel is to have two fronts, one toward the track and one on the west toward the new depot. The new hotel is to have two fronts, one toward the track and one on the west toward the new depot.

The hotel will be considerably more than 100 feet, and its width about half that distance. It is to be three stories high and will cost in the neighborhood of \$90,000.

**Colorado.**  
The surveys of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe road are staking a road to Denver.

The operations of the United States mint at Denver for February amounted to \$181,661.94, gold and silver. Of this amount Colorado contributed \$129,416.55.

Reports received at the office of the Colorado Cattle Growers' association indicate that south of Montana to the Gulf of Mexico, cattle have wintered better than for years.

Charles C. Green, the colored tonsorial artist, who curved the life out of Amy E. Nickens in Denver, and who was convicted and sentenced to be hanged, has been granted a new trial for the reason that the prosecution failed to produce in court the clothing of the dead man.

A lively race riot occurred Sunday night at Granite, a station on the Rio Grande road, eighteen miles from Leadville, in which the negro inhabitants of the town were put to flight and their saloon deliberately burned down amid the wildest excitement. The affair grew out of a Sabbath morning episode, in which a party of negroes who had previously sustained some violence at the hands of the whites, seized and gagged a German and thrust him until his veins were frozen through a hole in the ice that covers the Arkansas river. His shrieks finally brought the whites to the rescue and the wildest diversion of his tormentors was stopped.