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The first man on the list of nominations sent in by the President, on Monday, was the name of Secretary McCreary for the United States Judgeship on the Eighth Circuit. Little doubt remains as to the confirmation of this nomination. Mr. McCreary's fitness for the position is admitted by everybody, and in a few days there will doubtless be a vacancy in the President's Cabinet.

The present session of Congress met in a very pleasant and quiet manner, and seems to be no particular disposition to proceed to anything extraordinary. An air of satisfaction pervades the Republican ranks, while the general impression seems to be that Democrats are holding themselves in, as it were, for fear they will do some foolish or impolitic thing to injure their prospects for next year. Well, it is not to be wondered at that they are trying to keep quiet, for their past efforts to make political capital have resulted in such utter failures as would naturally discourage any one. The question is, how long can the managing heads of the party succeed in bottling up the irrepressible ones?

The extension of the voting privilege to the women of Massachusetts is leading to some unexpected developments. As they have become voters, the married women are now being asked by the tax assessors what property they hold, and the ladies are giving the thing away. One husband who has hitherto only been paying a small poll tax is now required to disburse eleven hundred dollars a year for the benefit of his fellow citizens. He, like many others, had conveyed his property to his wife, and so long as no one asked her awkward questions, the saving was considerable. But now there is an end to that.—North American.

There was a great fire at the Sixth Street, Philadelphia, on Monday. The fire commenced in the basement of a building occupied by A. M. Collins, Son & Co., and manufacturers on Decatur St., and ran through to Sixth St., making a destructive course in the Allegheny paper warehouse, and the printing establishment of John Haddock. On reaching Sixth Street the flames shot across to the site building of Wamamaker & Brown's immense fashionable clothing house, and for a time this fine building was in imminent danger, but the iron pipes running from the base of the building to the top were brought into service and saved not only this building, but did much to subdue the fire on the opposite side of the street. About the only damage done to the clothing house was to the painting recently put on. The sales went on in the building as though nothing was the matter. Thus the wisdom and forethought of the proprietors that have made their house the leading fashionable clothing house of Philadelphia, enabled them to provide against such emergencies, save their own property, and to assist in saving that of others.

The President's message to the Forty-sixth Congress, assembled in its first regular session, is a document highly commended all over the country for the thorough statesmanship exhibited, and for the originality and strength of character therein illustrated. The most prominent and important sections of the message are those which refer to the questions of finance and civil service reform. On the question of silver coinage he strongly recommends that the Secretary of the Treasury be authorized to suspend the present coinage of the silver dollar, with which the Treasury is getting so filled, and for which there is little call. He thinks it will be impossible for us to retain the gold in the country if the coinage of the silver is carried on indefinitely. He also recommends that the redeemed legal tender notes be gradually retired from circulation by cancellation, although according to the present law they must be re-issued. He dwells largely on the civil service question from his old and well-known point of view, and touched seriously on the Mormon and Indian questions. Headlines that stringent measures be taken to enforce an observance of the law upon the polygamists, and fully endorse the Indian policy of Secretary Schurz. Taken as a whole, it is a very able and statesmanlike message, and it is generally so considered.

R. A. Packer, superintendent of the Pennsylvania and New York railroad, lately conversed by telephone for two hours with friends in Mauch Chunk while himself in Nebraska, 2,000 miles off. At the office in Bethlehem, connection was made with the Eaton and Amboy wire, and at Perth Amboy with a western wire. Every whisper was audible.

An Interesting Document.

We have been shown the official report of Brigadier General L. A. Grant, commanding the 2nd Brigade of the 2nd Division, 6th Army Corps, known as the "Vermont Brigade," for that awful campaign after that Brigade crossed the Haplan, May 4th, 1861, with the Army of the Potomac, through the battles of the Wilderness, Spotsylvania, Cold Harbor and other operations of this body, until July 9th, when they embarked at City Point for Washington. This report was found by one of the men connected with the Quartermaster's department of the 2nd Div. 6th Corps, on the event of getting ready to start for Washington, and it is probably the original official report of this Brigade for those terrible battles, given as it is, under the hand of the Brigadier General, L. A. Grant, and being a full and complete description of the movements and achievements of this gallant Brigade, during those trying days in the height of the war of the rebellion. In the confusion of packing the articles, in the tent of the Assistant Adjutant General, Chas. Mauden, this report was unfortunately lost among some rubbish, and found by this gentleman from the Quartermaster's department, and preserved by him as a cherished memorial of "those days that tried men's souls," although it was probably very much missed and would now, without doubt, prove very acceptable to the State of Vermont as a valuable record of the doings of some of her bravest sons through that time of slaughter and bloodshed; and it also might have proved of great value in the compilation of the History of "Vermont in the Rebellion."

The report is a long one, comprising nearly thirty pages of fool's cap, and is a complete and carefully prepared statement to the Adjutant General, of every movement, during that bloody month-and-a-half, of the gallant Brigade composed of the 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th and 6th Vt. Volunteers, as well as the 11th Vermont at and after the battle of Spotsylvania Court House. The various losses in killed, wounded and missing are given, as well as the names of those officers and privates who, by their intrepid gallantry, earned for themselves honorable mention from the Commanding General. These men in particular were the losers if there was no duplicate copy of the report taken prior to the loss of this one. The report is made out in four different epochs for different engagements or series of engagements, and from the official appearance of the document and the statements, we judge it to be the original report made out by General L. A. Grant. The conclusion of this report which was made out to Maj. Chas. Mauden, Asst. Adj. Gen'l., is as follows:

"In the several engagements and skirmishes from the time the Command crossed the Rapidan, May 4th, to the time it embarked for Washington, July 9th, the Brigade lost 350 killed, 1,579 wounded and 467 missing, in all 2,396.

The growth forward nominal list of casualties.

I am, Major, Very Respy,
L. A. GRANT,
Brig. Gen., Commanding.

State Items.

Josh Billings will lecture at Vineland, on the 23rd inst.

Twenty-five thousand pounds of poultry are shipped from Bridgeton, one day last week.

The East End Hotel, Long Branch, will, last Saturday, to Mrs. Jay Gould, for \$16,784.

Cape May County, New Jersey, has about 170,000 acres of land, only 30,000 of which are under cultivation.

The Liberal Press says the Whitney Brothers at Glassboro three glass factories busy, and are about building the fourth.

A party of enterprising capitalists have purchased Woodbury Park, for the purpose of laying it out in streets and avenues, preparatory to the building of a city.

Mary Reid, aged 11, living near Fork Landing, Burlington County, was buried to death by her clothes taking fire on Saturday last.

Chancellor Rayon has ordered the New Jersey Midland Railroad to be sold to the 20th inst. Senator Hobart has been the receiver of this road for the past two years.

Samuel P. Knapp and Robert H. Drake have each been paid \$400 for making a man drunk and taking him to a bawdy house so that his wife could obtain a divorce.

John Owen Rose, Republican candidate for Assembly from Jersey City, who was defeated by Noah D. Taylor, Democrat, has given notice of his intention to contest Mr. Taylor's seat on the ground that Mr. Taylor is not a resident.

James A. Hyatt, of Toms River, is the possessor of a clock that is said to be over two hundred years old.

The new artesian well at the Paterson (N. J.) rolling mill is 1,200 feet deep and the water is within a few feet of the surface. It will be sunk to the depth of 2,000 feet in the hope that pumping will be unnecessary.

General News.

The annual Yale catalogue gives the number of students at 1,003.

Orchards in Great Britain now occupy 176,000 acres, against 105,000 in 1878.

The Philadelphia Times speaks wisely when it says: "If the brains of the Democratic party were any where near the size of its mouth it would get into less trouble."

A Maryland paper praises Mr. Bayard's "free political utterances." That's just the trouble with him. He's too "free." He's so free he's fresh; he is even "freewheeling."

A family of emigrants was found occupying a tomb in a cemetery, near Providence, R. I., that had been left open, where they had been for a week and commenced housekeeping, using the coffin shovels to put their dishes on.

When Zach Taylor was President he asked Thurlow Weed one day: "Did you see those bad traitors when you came?" Weed replied that he had seen some gentlemen—Messrs. Toubens, Stephens and a North Carolina Senator. "Well," said President Taylor, "those were the men I meant. But the biggest conspirator of them all didn't dare to come?" "No," said Weed, "he was not, and the President said 'My son-in-law, Jefferson Davis!'"

Several years ago Charles E. Wyckoff, living on Cokes Neck turnpike, discovered that a swarm of bees had taken up their abode behind the weather boards of his dwelling. He permitted them to remain and year by year swarms of young bees were sent by issue from the hole and leave. On one of the cold days of the past week, Mr. Wyckoff had the weather boards removed and found the space between the two studs filled from the roof nearly to the sill, with honey in the comb, fine and delicious. The bees, which were there about a peck, were in a torpid state.

Somebody is going to build a big ferry arrangement—too big to call a boat—for crossing the British Channel. It will be 60 feet long, 120 feet wide, drawing 8 feet of water, and containing inside of it a whole railway station of 180 tracks, with passenger accommodations 450, feet long and 50 feet wide. It will be propelled by a number of paddles and screws, and will be connected with the railroads running from the coasts to London and Paris. A movable platform on an incline will connect the ferry and the shore rails. It will make two trips a day. The monster will be as long and twice as wide as the Great Eastern.

It is rumored that the Reading Railroad Company will construct an entrap for coal, at Great Egg Harbor Inlet, and will run its coal over the Camden & Atlantic Railroad to the sea, without breaking bulk. The project may be, and is, feasible. But it would be more feasible and sensible to run a road to Tuckerton, and get the advantage of one of the best harbors on our coast, and in a few years they would find better enterprise and a demand that would give their coal a boom it will not get anywhere else on the Jersey shore.

The preachers out in Oregon seem to be somewhat different from the more eastern variety. One of them named Lawson said in his pulpit one Sunday not long ago that if any of the young people desired to attend his church in the evening for the purpose of "speaking" he would say amen to it. He had a daughter (then in the church), and he would rather a lover would court her in the church than in the parlor or at the opera. Experience had shown him that the fathers of marriageable girls were often very perplexing obstructions, and he proposed in this way to aid the young people. While he did not want his people to attend the theatre, he would not rob them of legitimate pleasures, so he stated that he had invited the village band to come in on Sunday evenings and play the hymns and such worldly music as will be heard in ordinary homes and social centers.

Notice!

Application will be made to the county of New Jersey, for a new road, to be called Pat. R. P. to be bounded as follows: Beginning at the 13th corner of the "James Leese Road" and by said road southerly to Beaver Run down said road, the corner directed to West Creek, down creek to Mullies River, up said river to the corner of said A. S. Association, and in the line of said A. S. Association easterly through Port Republic, N. Y., 27th, 1879.

STOCK QUOTATIONS

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