

WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE EASTERN STATES.

JOSEPH HOPFMAN, the boy pianist, will not play again this season. His father and mother have determined to stop the series of concerts which he has been giving under the management of Abbey, Schoefel & Grau, in New York, who express much dissatisfaction at their action.

The New York Senate Committee began operations on the Sugar Trust, in the city of New York, on Tuesday. It was a lively session and much important testimony was elicited, showing how a deal had been made to the detriment of the public. Theodore E. and E. O. Havemeyer were present, and were represented by John Dos Passos and John E. Parsons. The Cotton Trust had a special stenographer present. Mr. Henry O. Havemeyer was examined at great length. He declined to produce the "trust" agreement, on the ground that it might incriminate him.

GRAFE, BENNETT & CO., iron manufacturers of Pittsburgh, have failed. The failure was a great surprise, as nothing of the kind was looked for. In 1883 the firm failed for \$1,200,000 and were granted an extension. Since then they have paid about two-thirds of their indebtedness and were supposed to be doing well. The cause of their failure was the investment of all their profits in the extension of their plant. No statement has yet been made, but it is understood that the secured liabilities are about \$600,000, and the unsecured liabilities from \$600,000 to \$800,000.

GEORGE H. CORLISS, the eminent engineer-manufacturer, and one of the most prominent and wealthy men of Rhode Island, died very unexpectedly at his residence in Providence, of paralysis of the heart. In 1875 Mr. Corliess submitted plans for an engine of 1,400 horsepower, to move all the machinery in the Philadelphia exhibition. Engineers of high repute predicted that it would be noisy and troublesome, but it was completely successful, owing to the care of Mr. Corliess, who spent \$10,000 upon it above the appropriation for building it.

THE WESTERN STATES.

PEOPLE of Mount Vernon, Ill., are recovering from their shocked and dazed condition, and order is gradually growing out of chaos, says Thursday's advices from the stricken town.

Efforts to improve the deplorable condition of affairs are shaping into systematic form, and to-day shows a marked change for the better. The debris has been cleared away from most of the wrecks about the square, and little shanties here and there serve for storerooms for the merchants whose stores were demolished. Every available worker in the city is at work repairing damage, and the work of clearing away the debris will occupy the remainder of the week. The injured who are not considered fatally hurt, as far as heard from, are generally improving, and many who have heretofore been reported as seriously injured are to be seen on the streets. All the patients in the court house have the best possible attendance, the ladies of the various churches vying with each other to be of the most assistance to the unfortunate. The body of George Parsons, aured, was found yesterday in the ruins of the schoolhouse of which he was janitor. Just before the storm he was heard playing the organ in the east school-room. He had evidently endeavored to escape, but was overtaken at the main entrance by the falling debris. Trains continue to bring people from all over the country. Relief committees are all doing good work, and all those who have been left homeless and destitute are being tenderly cared for. Many families have now found a home to friends, and some have moved onto farms. People that come from adjoining towns bring food with them, as it is hard to get into the hotels or restaurants. All visitors carry off whatever they can get as souvenirs of the disaster-bricks, stones, and all. The subscriptions received thus far will aggregate nearly \$10,000, and reports have been received promising additional contributions of money and provisions to the value of \$3,000. The Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company will transport supplies to Mount Vernon without charge.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

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seven others were more or less seriously hurt. A heavy blast consisting of twenty-six sticks of dynamite was put in a hole which had been drilled sixteen feet into the rock and fired. The explosion was light and ineffective. Another parcel of dynamite was put in and fired with very much better results. No one had any idea that any dynamite could possibly remain unexploded in the hole and the following morning the men began drilling for a new blast. The heavy iron had not struck more than half a dozen blows into the cutting when the crash came. The men were thrown in every direction and great pieces of rock were torn away and hurled to a distance. The air was full of debris and dust, and when it settled down seven men, bleeding and mangled, were lying about on the jagged stone floor. One of them had been thrown against the side wall and another was pinned to the earth by a great fragment of rock. Four men died as the result of the injuries received. Two others were perhaps fatally hurt, while seven received serious injuries.

THE syndicate of sugar men to fight the Eastern trust has been completed at San Francisco, and has a capital of \$10,000,000. Several Eastern men in Boston, Baltimore, New York and Philadelphia are members of the syndicate.

The United States grand jury at Cincinnati has returned indictments against Means, late President, and De Camp, late Cashier, of the Metropolitan Bank, and they will be vigorously prosecuted.

THE Grand Army of the Republic of Indiana met in annual encampment at Indianapolis last week, with the largest attendance in its history. The Commander's report showed that there were now on the muster rolls of the State the names of 24,464 comrades. The posts number 476. The gains during the year were: By muster, 4,346; by transfer, 451, and by reinstatement, 3,510, making a total gain for 1887 of 8,837. The losses were: By death, 243; honorably discharged, 107; by transfer, 730; by suspension, 4,207; dishonorable discharge, 46; delinquent reports, 11. The net gain in membership for the year was 2,873.

THE Kansas G. A. R. encampment at Wm. Wingfield was largely attended. There was a gain of sixty-two posts during the year, and the total in the State is 459. There was an increase of 1,007 in the membership, which shows an aggregate of 20,139 comrades. The Assistant Quartermaster's report shows a balance on hand of \$1,201, with \$391 still due from posts.

THE G. A. R. Encampment Association of Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, and Nebraska was organized at a meeting of the Grand Army men in Kansas City. The organization will be perfected at Trenton, Mo., March 13, the day before the encampment of the Department of Missouri.

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THE POLITICAL FIELD.

THE National Democratic Committee met at Washington, Feb. 22, for the purpose of selecting the date and place for holding the next Democratic Convention to nominate candidates for President and Vice President. There was a full attendance of delegates, the only vacancy being that caused by the death of Hubert O. Thompson, of New York. The vacancy was promptly filled by the election of William Steinway. Senator Gorman offered a resolution fixing the date at July 3 next. This was vigorously opposed by Congressman Scott of Pennsylvania, who advocated holding the convention May 22. Another proposition was made to fix June 5 as the date for holding the convention, but this was objected to by Senator Gorman. A ballot was then taken, and the committee, by a vote of 28 to 19, agreed that the convention should be held on the 31 of July. Next came the fight over the location. The claims of Chicago, San Francisco and St. Louis were set forth in eloquent speeches. Ten ballots were taken, with the following result:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
S'nt Francisco	15	15	15	15	15	15	18	18	19	17
Chicago	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
St. Louis	14	14	15	15	16	15	15	15	14	15
Cincinnati	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	1	0
New York	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

At the conclusion of the tenth ballot, no choice having been made, the committee adjourned for the day.

THE Rhode Island Prohibition Convention for the nomination of State officers assembled at Providence on Wednesday. The following ticket was nominated: For Governor, George W. Gould, of North Providence; Lieutenant Governor, H. T. Scott, of Newport; Attorney General, John T. Blodgett, of Providence; General Treasurer, John T. Perry, of South Kingstown, who is the present incumbent.

THE Tennessee State Prohibition Convention, in session at Nashville, chose twenty-four delegates to the National Prohibition Convention to meet at Indianapolis, and instructed to vote for Gen. Clinton B. Fisk as the nominee for President. A State convention was also called for May 16, the same day that the State Republican Convention meets, to nominate a candidate for Governor. The nomination of full county, Legislative, and Congressional tickets was urged.

THE Republican State Central Committee of Missouri decided to call the State Convention for the election of delegates to Chicago on May 15 at Sedalia.

THE election for Councilmen at Pittsburgh resulted in the return of 33 Republicans and 13 Democrats.

MARQUETTE (Mich.) special: "Returns received from the official canvass Tuesday show the following pluralities: For Breen-Alger, 25; Baraga, 192; Delt, 128; Houghton, 682; Iron, 11; Luce, 11; Mackinac, 154; Ontonagon, 56. For Seymour-Grand Traverse, 55; Keweenaw, 102; Leelanau, 60; Marquette, 630; Schoolcraft, 158. The doubtful counties, with the exception of Manitow, have all been heard from and the figures assure Seymour a plurality of about 500 in the district."

THE Republican State Committee of Oregon has called the State Convention to meet at Portland April 11. The North Carolina Democratic State Convention will meet at Raleigh on May 30. The Democratic State Committee passed resolutions in favor of abolishing the whole internal-revenue system.

THE contest in the National Democratic Committee has resulted in a substantial victory for the administration, says a Washington telegram. The convention is to be held before the Republican Convention, and it is not to be held in San Francisco.

The administration would have preferred a still earlier date and Chicago, but St. Louis and June 5 are good enough for it. When the committee met Thursday morning one vote was taken, which showed that the situation was the same as Wednesday night. Then Mr. Scott moved to suspend the order of business on June 23. On this he was defeated by a vote of 23 for 21 against. Then another ballot for location was taken, which gave San Francisco 18, St. Louis 13, Chicago 14, and New York 1. The committee then took a short recess, and after coming to order again the question was speedily settled in favor of St. Louis. The proposition to reconsider the vote fixing the time of the convention was then voted on and carried by a vote of 26 to 21, and the time was fixed at June 5 by a vote of 29 to 17.

The call for the convention is as follows:

The National Democratic Committee, having met in the city of Washington on the 22d day of February, 1888, has appointed Tuesday, the 5th day of June next, at noon, as the time, and the city of St. Louis as the place, for holding the National Democratic Convention. Each State is entitled to a representation therein equal to double the number of its Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States, and each territory and the District of Columbia to have two delegates. All Democratic, conservative citizens of the United States, irrespective of past political association and differences, who can unite with us in the effort to promote economical, and constitutional government, are cordially invited to join us in sending delegates to the convention.

WILLIAM H. BARNUM, Chairman,
FREDERICK O. PRINCE, Secretary,
National Democratic Committee.

THE WORLD AT LARGE.

Fire at Minneapolis, Minn., damaged half a dozen firms on North Washington avenue, with a total loss of \$50,000.

THE President and Mrs. Cleveland, Secretary Whitney and his wife, and D. S. Lamont and his wife, left Washington Tuesday morning, Feb. 21, on their visit to the sub-tropical exposition at Jacksonville, Fla. The party occupied a special train, which made its first stop at Savannah, Ga., where it arrived Wednesday morning. The party remained there an hour, and took a drive over the principal thoroughfares. They arrived at Jacksonville at one o'clock in the afternoon. A visit was made to the exposition, and a reception was held by the President and Mrs. Cleveland in the evening. The next day was spent in St. Augustine, where another reception was held. The Presidential train was the second section of the Southern fast mail. On the first section were a number of Senators, who reached Jacksonville a few minutes in advance of the second section. This party was in charge of Senator Cull, and was made up of himself and a number of senators and their families.

ACCORDING to a Boston dispatch to the *Daily News*, the new fisheries treaty is not likely in New England.

At the Merchant's Exchange in Gloucester almost all that the rights of fishermen have been sacrificed to the interest of Canada. The President and Secretary Bayard receive much criticism at the hands of many fishermen, who declare that the treaty is a disgrace to all American statesmanship. It is in the matter of the headlands that the fishermen are most aggrieved, and they declare that they are practically excluded from Fortune bay. Moreover they object to paying \$1.50 a ton for licenses for the privileges which they claim the treaty of 1818 has already given them.

A Washington telegram says "the outcome of the treaty promises to be an unlock-for-gain to the cause of commercial union. The treaty is sure to be rejected. The scrutiny of Mr. Bayard's diplomacy which has followed the publicity given the treaty makes this certain."

BUSINESS failures in the United States and Canada for the week numbered 270, against 273 the previous week. R. G. Dun & Co.'s review of trade for the week reports that both legitimate trade and speculation continue duller than is usual at this season. Efforts to settle railroad wars have not succeeded, but new cuts cause much disturbance. The sugar trust meets unexpected opposition, threatening its existence, and operations of other syndicates or corporations make it impossible to forecast the future in many trades.

THE MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

CATTLE..... \$4.50 @ 5.50
HOOS..... 5.00 @ 5.75
SHEEP..... 5.00 @ 7.00
WHEAT-No. 2 Spring..... .89 @ .89
CORN-No. 1 Red..... .92 @ .92
CORN-No. 2..... .00 @ .00
OATS-White..... .49 @ .47
PORK-New Meas..... 15.00 @ 15.75

CHICAGO.

CATTLE-Choice to Prime Steers..... 5.00 @ 5.75

Good..... 4.25 @ 4.75

Common to Fair..... 3.75 @ 4.50

SHEEP-Shipping Grades..... 5.00 @ 5.75

WHEAT-No. 2 Red..... 5.00 @ 5.75

CORN-No. 2 Red..... .89 @ .89

OATS-No. 2..... .49 @ .49

BALLEY-No. 2..... .78 @ .80

BUTTER-Choice Creamery..... .26 @ .28

Fine Dairy..... .23 @ .25

CHEESE-Full Cream, new..... 12.24 @ .13

Eggs-Fresh..... 1.81 @ .19

POTATOES-Choice per bu..... .85 @ .95

PORK-Mess..... 13.50 @ 14.00

WHEAT-Cash..... .84 @ .85

CORN-Cash..... .50 @ .51

OATS-Cash..... .89 @ .89

CLOVER SEED..... 3.85 @ 4.05

KANSAS CITY.

CATTLE..... 4.25 @ 5.00

HOOS..... 4.75 @ 5.50

WHEAT-No. 2 Red..... .85 @ .86

CORN-No. 2..... .43 @ .44

OATS-No. 2..... .30 @ .30

DETROIT.

CATTLE..... 4.25 @ 5.00

HOOS..... 4.75 @ 5.50

SHEEP..... 5.00 @ 5.50

WHEAT-No. 2 Red..... .85 @ .86

CORN-No. 3 Yellow..... .50 @ .51

OATS-No. 2 White..... .35 @ .36

MILWAUKEE.

WHEAT-Cash..... .76 @ .76

CORN-No. 3..... .45 @ .47

OATS-No. 2 White..... .33 @ .33

RYE..... .61 @ .63

BALLEY-No. 2..... .76 @ .78

PORK-Mess..... 13.50 @ 14.25

ST. LOUIS.

WHEAT-No. 2 Red..... .80 @ .81

CORN-Mixed..... .45 @ .46