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AROUND THE WORLD.

INTELLIGENCE FROM EVERY PART OF THE GLOBE.

News from Foreign Shores—Domestic Happenings—Personal Pointers—Labor Notes—Political Occurrences, Fires, Accidents, Crimes, Etc.

DESTITUTION AND DEATH.

Without the Necessaries of Life Several Members of a Family Die.

Five weeks ago the family of Hans Holter went to Spokane Falls, Wash. Ter., from Lincoln County, Minn., and moved into a small building in Shantytown. The family was poor, and Mr. Holter went to Hope, Idaho, where he hoped to secure work to provide means for the support of his wife and seven children. Soon after his departure the mother and nearly all the children were taken down with pneumonia, brought on by exposure and lack of the necessities of life. The Relief Committee found the mother and her seven children in a single room, 12x14 feet in size, with just enough necessities to keep body and soul together. The mother and all the children were sick, and had it not been for the kindness of the neighbors, almost as needy as themselves, must have perished from want of care. Kind ladies at once began the work of rendering the condition of the sufferers as comfortable as possible. But the ravages of disease and want had partly performed the terrible work of death, and Hilda, a baby girl 2 months of age; Louise, a girl of 8 years; Christian, a 10-year-old boy; and Inga, a 2-year-old girl, died. The mother and surviving children were removed to the hospital. Several other families in the same neighborhood are as much in need of the assistance as the one mentioned.

SHOWMAN BARNUM RETIRES.

Old Age Forces the Veteran from Active Life—Worth \$10,000,000.

P. T. Barnum, the showman, is a thing of the past. He has settled up his business, and announces that he has turned his whole circus over to Mr. Bailey, who will own and conduct it, and that he himself has forever retired. Advancing years and a desire to enjoy his old age in quiet are the causes which led Mr. Barnum to close out. He gave a farewell dinner at Bridgeport, Conn., and is now about to occupy a plain little brick cottage overlooking Long Island Sound. Mr. Barnum is getting to be infirm. He shows his years, and he repeatedly announces that the cozy little brick cottage in which he intends to pass the evening of his life was built expressly for his young wife. The deeds are in her name. Mr. Barnum has made his will, which is understood to be a "cast-iron will." Beside the usual witnesses Mr. Barnum secured the signatures of two leading physicians that he was in his right mind. He is estimated to be worth \$10,000,000.

AN EASTERN BLIZZARD.

The First Bad Storm of the Season Visits the New England States.

A New York telegram says: The first snow storm of the coming winter raged in this city and along the seaboard of the New England and Middle States on the 25th, and was of blizzard vigor. As night came on sleet and hail followed the snow and ice particles, like sharpened points, rendering street pedestrianism impossible without suffering. Even in the harbor lower bay ships dragged their anchors under the force of the fierce tempest, one ship having nearly collided with the fever-plagued ship, Boston, drifting out to sea. She and others that had been torn from anchorage were towed to safety by tugs. A pilot-boat was unable to hold to anchorage, and sought a pier. Off Staten Island, near Sailors' Snug Harbor, a canal-boat, loaded with coal, was sunk, and a brick-laden schooner went to pieces, her crew escaping. In New York City the mercury stood at 28 at midnight.

TYPESETTING CONTEST.

Monheimer Beats Thienes in a Six Hour Race.

A typesetting contest took place in Chicago between two compositors on the different morning papers, Leo Monheimer and Peter Thienes. The contest was for \$250 a side. There were two stretches of three hours each, with an intermission of a half hour. The conditions were straight minion 25 ems. Monheimer's record was as follows for each of the six hours: First hour, 1,750 ems; second, 1,875; third, 1,834; fourth, 1,887; fifth, 1,892; sixth, 1,836; total, 11,167 ems. Thienes' total record was 10,880, divided as follows: First two hours, 3,536 ems; third, 1,844; fourth, 1,875; fifth, 1,859; last hour, 1,775. Difference from Monheimer's, 287 ems. Monheimer lost nineteen minutes in correcting; Thienes, thirty-two minutes. Thienes gave it up.

Shot and Killed by Her Brother.

The 18-year-old daughter of William Turner, of Amelia, Ohio, was shot and killed by her brother Aaron, 13 years of age, the entire contents of a double-barreled gun entering her brain. The boy is disposed to be incorrigible, and reports differ as to whether the act was accidental or intentional.

Robbed the Pacific Express Company.

D. G. Florry, whose parents reside at Four Locks, Md., and who has been acting as cashier of the Pacific express office, of Austin, Texas, was arrested charged with doing away with a package containing over \$120. Florry confessed and gave directions to find the package, which had been buried. Over \$600 of the money was recovered.

OFFICIAL ELECTION RETURNS.

Various States Complete the Canvass of Ballots.

NEW YORK STATE.

The official vote of New York State has been completed, and shows the following figures: Total vote for President, 1,279,639; total vote for Governor, 1,276,837; Cleveland's vote, 632,923; Harrison's vote, 646,716; Hill's vote, 646,772; Miller's vote, 630,065.

NEW YORK CITY.

The official canvass of New York City gives this result on electors: Republican, 106,925 votes; Democratic, 162,738; Prohibition, 1,126; Union Labor, 173; Socialist, 1,782; Democratic plurality, 55,813. Six hundred and sixty-six ballots were defective out of 272,678 cast. Out of 272,000 cast for Governor, Hill (Dem.) received 168,454, Miller (Rep.) 99,352, and Jones (Pro.) 1,227; Hill's plurality, 69,102. The total Democratic vote cast in the Mayoralty contest was 186,090, of which Grant (Tammany) had 114,111, Hewitt (County Democracy) 71,979, and Erhart (Rep.) 73,027. Grant's plurality, 42,132.

DAKOTA'S VOTE.

Complete returns of the election held in Dakota give Mathews (Rep.), for delegate, 30,000 majority. Every member of the lower house but one is a Republican, and there are three Democrats and twenty-one Republicans in the upper house of the Legislature. The total vote of Dakota was 114,000, which, multiplied by five, gives a total population of 570,000. The population of North Dakota on this basis is 215,000, South Dakota 255,000. The increase in the vote over 1896 is 10,000.

RETURNS FROM OHIO.

Official returns from the late election show a total vote in Ohio of 841,941. Ryan's plurality for Secretary of State is 21,988. The total labor vote was 3,452 and the Prohibition vote 19,420.

ALABAMA RETURNS.

The official canvass of the vote cast for Presidential electors in Alabama gives Cleveland 117,310 votes; Harrison, 57,197; and Fisk (Pro.), 583. Cleveland's plurality, 60,113.

POWDERLY IS A WINNER.

He Is Re-elected General Master Workman of the Knights.

An Indianapolis (Ind.) special says that the election of officers of the Knights of Labor resulted as follows:

Daniel J. Campbell, of Scranton, Pa., nominated T. V. Powderly for re-election as General Master Workman; Victor Drury, of District Assembly 49, nominated Marvin Hanley, of New Jersey, and an ex-delegate named Birch, of Ohio. The vote resulted as follows: Powderly, 114; Hanley, 27; Birch, 1. For General Master Workman Morris L. Wheat, of Iowa, and Henry A. Beckmeyer, of New Jersey, were nominated. The vote stood: Wheat, 83; Beckmeyer, 6. As candidates for General Secretary-Treasurer three names were presented. George W. Traphagan, of Richmond, Va., named Frederick Turner of Philadelphia, the present Treasurer; Powderly nominated John W. Hays of New Jersey, present Secretary, and W. G. K. Price of New York presented the name of Mrs. A. P. Stevens of Toledo, Ohio. The vote stood: Hays, 83; Turner, 56; Mrs. Stevens, 3. Powderly having practically requested the election of Hays the result is considered a victory. Mrs. T. M. Barry was re-elected by acclamation as Director and Investigator of Woman's Work. Mr. Powderly was chosen to represent the order at the Paris exposition. After his re-election Mr. Powderly stated that his salary had been left at \$5,000 he would accept only \$3,000, and at the end of his term the order could do what it pleased with the balance. As candidates for members of the General Executive Board Mr. Powderly presented the names of A. W. Wright of Toronto, Ontario, J. J. Holland of Jacksonville, Fla., John Costello of Pittsburgh, John Devlin of Detroit, J. A. Wright of Philadelphia, T. B. McGuire of New York, H. C. Traphagan of Cincinnati, and J. Crowley of Charleston, Mass. On the first ballot, A. W. Wright, J. J. Holland, and John Costello were elected. Two more ballots were necessary to elect the fourth member of the board. The names of Retiring General Worthy Foreman Richard Griffiths of Chicago and Delegate Delwarte of Belgium were presented with gold badges.

A POSSIBLE DUEL.

Judge A. W. Rucker Formally Challenges Senator Blackburn of Kentucky.

A Louisville (Ky.) special states that Col. John C. Moore, of Denver, Colo., is in that city with a formal challenge from Judge Rucker to Senator Blackburn, which is as follows:

"To the Hon. J. C. S. Blackburn:
"Sir—The published interview imputed to you concerning a conversation between myself and the President of the United States at the White house last month reflects upon me as a gentleman. You will understand the purport of this note, which will be handed to you by my friend Col. J. C. Moore. He will attend to all details on my part. A dueling between us will probably determine which is entitled to be called 'gentleman.' Respectfully,

A. W. Rucker."
John Arkins, editor of the Rocky Mountain News, of Denver, was interviewed in New York, and said:

I confess that I did not think there was anything serious in Judge Rucker's attitude toward Senator Blackburn until Judge W. C. Merrill was brought into the matter. See by the morning papers that Judge Ferrill said Judge Rucker wanted to meet Senator Blackburn on the field of honor. If Judge Ferrill is quoted correctly, and I believe he is, I have no doubt that a duel is contemplated. Judge Ferrill is not the man to engage in any affair of honor unless business is meant. Whatever I may have said about Judge Rucker I will do him the justice now of saying that his connection with Judge Ferrill shows he intends to fight. Judge Ferrill has a remarkable record for courage and daring, and Judge Rucker is well aware that if he is backed by him there is no retreat from a square, open fight on the field of honor.

"I then thought there will be a duel?"
"I know you think there will be if Judge Ferrill still continues to be Judge Rucker's friend."

EDWARD D. SOHIER DEAD.

The Prominent Massachusetts Lawyer Expires at His Home.

Edward D. Sohier, who outranked all the members of the Suffolk bar except Sidney Bartlett, died at his home in Brookline, Mass., aged 76. For fifty years he had been the head of the firm of Sohier & Welch. He first came into notice as connected with the trial of Prof. Webster, he being junior to Judge Merrick. As a wit Mr. Sohier probably stood the highest, although he tried titles with such men as Choate and Chandler. He never lost a case through lack of direct appeal to the jury, in which practice he was only excelled by Choate.

APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT.

A Large Number of New Postmasters Throughout the Country.

The President has appointed the following-named Postmasters: Kittie L. Scott, Galena, Ill.; William J. Brennan, Sidney, Neb.; John T. McAneny, Lisbon, D. T.; Nicholas C. Stanton, West Liberty, Iowa;

John A. Simons, Greenleaf, Kan.; R. E. Kearney, Sheldon, Iowa; William C. Brawley, Mauston, Wis. At the following named postoffices, which were recently raised to the Presidential class, the President has reappointed the incumbents: Austin, Chillicothe, Griggsville, and Kensington, Ill.; Huntingburg, Ind.; Estherville, Marcus, and Correctionville, Iowa; Coolidge, Baldwin, Leoti, and Lyndon, Kan.; Bangor, Mich.; Warren and Winnebago City, Minn.; Ponca, Neb.; Rhinelander and Rice Lake, Wis.; Sturgis and Minot, D. T.

DUN'S TRADE REVIEW.

A Promising Outlook and Improvement of Trade.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s review of trade for last week says:

Business made fair progress during the week and the prospect for further improvement is considered good. The stock market declined an average of 1 per share. The exports of breadstuffs from Atlantic ports was only 130,372 bushels last week, against 1,089,328 bushels last year, and 408,459 barrels of flour, against 675,696 last year, with an increase of 850,000 bushels corn. Excepting from Portugal the current price still excludes American wheat. Corn and oats scarcely changed, pork and hogs were a shade lower, with less strength. Cattle advanced 1/2 cent, with sales of 463,000. Business was satisfactory or improving at all northwestern points reporting and money was in good supply unless Cleveland, where some stringency appeared, be reckoned an exception. Collections at all points were fairly satisfactory. In silk manufacture it is reported that the year's production equals \$15,000,000 in value, about half the entire consumption. The treasury paid out only \$20,000 more than it took in during the week, and the interior demand for money has slackened. The exports for three weeks fall 4 per cent, below last year's at New York, with imports 3 per cent, below, which points to a considerable excess of exports over imports for the month. The business failures of the week were 246.

KNIGHTS WILL BE TOLERATED.

Reply of the Roman Catholic Propaganda to Cardinal Gibbons.

The New York Catholic News has received from its Roman correspondent the text of the reply sent by Cardinal Simeoni, Prefect of the Propaganda, to his Eminence Cardinal Gibbons. It is as follows:

It is my duty to inform your Eminence that the fresh documents relative to the association known as the Knights of Labor, forwarded to this Sacred Congregation, have been examined by it at the sitting of the 16th of August of the current year. After having attentively studied the whole subject, the Sacred Congregation has directed me to reply to you as follows: The Knights of Labor, as they are called, are a society to make clear whatever might seem obscure or might be interpreted in a bad sense. These modifications are required particularly in passages of the preface to the rules concerning the association. And then the words 'saving of socialism and communism' must be corrected in such a way that they shall only affirm the right conferred by God on man of acquiring property, using legitimate means, and respecting the proportionate rights of all others.

CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC PRINTER.

Captain Meredith, of Chicago, in the Field with Favorable Chances.

An Indianapolis, Ind., paper says: "There are two Indianapolis Republicans who are aspirants for the position of Public Printer. One is Colonel W. R. Holloway, a relative of the late O. P. Morton, who was prominent as one of the Indiana supporters of Judge Gresham, and the other is L. W. McDaniel, an Indianapolis printer who has been a leader in the local labor organizations, and who gave important aid to Gen. Harrison during the campaign. There are many Republicans, however, who believe that Capt. William M. Meredith, of Chicago, will be chosen for the position. He was a member of Gen. Harrison's regiment during the late war, and it is well known that the President-elect has a warm feeling for him."

THE SUPREME COUNCIL.

Scottish Rite Masons Select Their Officers.

The Supreme Council of sovereign grand inspectors general, thirty-third and last degree, of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasons for the United States of America, their territories and dependencies, met in annual session in New York. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

John J. Gorman, New York, M. P. S. G. C.; William A. Herschler, of Ohio, P. L. G. C.; G. A. Franher, of Michigan, M. of S. and G. O.; John Boyd, New York, G. T. G. H. E.; John G. Barker, Brooklyn, G. S. G.; Hopkins Thompson, New York, Keeper of the Archives; Smith B. Harrington, of Massachusetts, G. M. of C.; Isaac F. Graham, of Connecticut, G. M. G.; E. J. Edwards, of Minnesota, G. S. B.; Oliver P. Briggs, of Nebraska, G. V. of G.; Robert E. Folger, Brooklyn, C. S. G.; John G. Barker, General Deputy.

HARRISON'S PRIVATE SECRETARY.

The Position Tendered to Editor E. W. Halford, of Indianapolis.

E. W. Halford, of the Indianapolis (Ind.) Journal, has been appointed by President-elect Harrison as his private secretary.

Mr. Halford is 43 years old, and an Englishman by birth. He came to this country when a child, with his parents. He began newspaper work twenty-five years ago on the Journal as a reporter, rose to the managing-editorship of the paper, then for a time was managing editor of the Chicago Inter-Ocean. He is present managing editor of the Journal. He was for several years secretary of the late Senator Morton. He is a confidant of Gen. Harrison, and was a delegate to the Chicago Convention, siding materially in the candidacy of Gen. Harrison. Mr. Halford is married, and has a daughter 17 years old.

POLITICAL NEWS.

Cleveland's Majority in South Carolina—New Mexico's Vote.

The official returns for South Carolina are: Cleveland, 65,825; Harrison, 13,850; Democratic majority, 52,085. The total vote is 11,932 less than four years ago. The Democratic majority is 4,054 greater. Democratic Congressmen are elected in the seven districts of the State.

The official returns from New Mexico show the election of Joseph (Dem.) to Congress over Otero (Rep.) by 1,730 majority. The Legislature stands as follows: House—Republicans, 15; Democrats, 9. Council—Republicans, 7; Democrats, 4; Independent, 1.

AGRICULTURAL BUREAU.

Bulletins to Be Issued Giving Experiments in This Country and Abroad.

The new Bureau of Correspondence with agricultural stations of the Agricultural Department, authorized by the last Congress, has begun work under the direction of Prof. W. O. Atwater. Bulletins will be published at Washington, D. C., giving the results of agricultural experiments in this country and abroad. A feature of the work

will be to engage the ablest specialists in this country and Europe to compile articles on subjects about which information may be required for general distribution, and also to supply Congress with information that may be found necessary to aid in legislating upon agricultural matters.

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

The Methodist Convention Set Apart Various Sums for the Work.

The Methodist Episcopal Missionary Society, in session in New York City, made the following appropriations: Southern California, Swedish Mission, \$700; Indian Territory, \$2,700; Chinese Mission of San Francisco, \$7,500; Japanese Mission of San Francisco, \$4,544; California Conference, \$4,500; Columbia River Conference, \$5,500; Dakota Conference, \$12,750; Delaware Conference, \$850; Detroit Conference, \$6,000; East Maine Conference, \$1,500; East Tennessee Conference, \$2,800; and East Tennessee special, \$568.

HEAVY LOSS BY FIRE.

Nearly \$500,000 Worth of Property Burned at Pocomoke City, Md.

Fire has destroyed the business part of Pocomoke City, Worcester County, Md. Loss nearly \$500,000. No lives were lost.

Cutting Rates.

Chairman Cooley, of the Interstate Commission, says, touching the cutting of rates, that while such practices are going on they have no evidence upon the subject, as no official complaints have been made. Roads have a legal right, he said, to reduce their rates, so long as they file, print and post them, as the act requires.

Lord Sackville's Future.

Henry Labouchere, who is in London, cables to the New York World that it is rumored that Lord Salisbury has decided to send Lord Sackville to Vienna as a successor to Sir Augustus Paget, whose term of office expires next January. Mr. Labouchere, however, doubts whether this will be done.

Gen. Newberry Takes the Oath.

General W. C. Newberry has taken the oath of office as postmaster of Chicago, and has sent the oath and his bonds to Washington. He has formally notified Postmaster Judd that he will take possession Dec. 1, and he has appointed Colonel Rea his assistant.

The Marine Corps.

The report of the Commandant of the United States Marine Corps shows that on Oct. 1 there were 1,890 enlisted men in the corps, 925 being on board ships in commission and 965 doing duty at the several shore stations. The Commandant recommends 500 additional privates.

Striking Switchmen.

Three-fourths of the switchmen at Indianapolis, Ind., struck the other night, the superintendents having refused to concede their demands. Three engineers on the Belt Line were compelled to draw the fires from their engines, and a fourth man, who refused, was beaten and seriously wounded.

Man and Wife Murdered and Robbed.

James Philbeck, a farmer of Cleveland County, North Carolina, was called to the door of his house and shot dead by an unknown man, who entered the house, shot Philbeck's wife, and robbed the house. The murderer escaped.

The Official Canvass.

The official canvass of the vote of Michigan gives Harrison a plurality of 22,966. The total number of votes cast was 475,260, an increase of 12,860 over four years ago, divided as follows: Harrison, 236,370; Cleveland, 213,404; Fisk, 20,942; Streeter, 4,542.

An Indiana Murderer Captured.

Indiana officers have captured at Newport, Ark., the negro, Barton Galloway, who shot into a crowd on election day at Terre Haute, Ind., and killed a white woman.

A Vicar General Dead.

The Very Rev. Maurice A. Walsh, Vicar General of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia, died, aged 55. He was pastor of St. Paul's Church.

THE MARKETS.

CHICAGO.		
CATTLE—Prime Steers.....	\$5.50	@ 6.00
Medium.....	4.50	@ 5.50
Common.....	3.00	@ 4.50
HOGS—Shipping Grades.....	5.00	@ 5.75
SHEEP.....	2.50	@ 4.50
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....	1.05 1/2	@ 1.08 1/2
CORN—No. 2.....	.40	@ .40 1/2
OATS—No. 2.....	.25 1/2	@ .26 1/2
RYE—No. 1.....	.53	@ .55
BUTTER—Choice Creamery.....	.32	@ .35
CHEESE—Full Cream, flat.....	.10 1/2	@ .11 1/2
EGGS—Fresh.....	.22	@ .23
POTATOES—Car-load, per bu.....	.32	@ .35
PORK—Mess.....	14.25	@ 14.75
MILWAUKEE.		
WHEAT—Cash.....	1.02	@ 1.00 1/2
CORN—No. 3.....	.40 1/2	@ .41 1/2
OATS—No. 2 White.....	.30	@ .31
RYE—No. 1.....	.56	@ .57
BARLEY—No. 2.....	.71	@ .72
PORK—Mess.....	14.50	@ 15.00
DETROIT.		
CATTLE.....	3.50	@ 5.00
HOGS.....	4.50	@ 5.35
SHEEP.....	1.82	@ 4.25
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....	1.05 1/2	@ 1.07 1/2
CORN—No. 2 Yellow.....	.45	@ .45 1/2
OATS—No. 2 White.....	.28	@ .29
TOLEDO.		
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....	1.04	@ 1.06
CORN.....	.43	@ .44
OATS—No. 2 White.....	.27	@ .28
NEW YORK.		
CATTLE.....	3.50	@ 5.50
HOGS.....	5.50	@ 6.25
SHEEP.....	3.00	@ 5.50
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....	1.05	@ 1.07
CORN—No. 2.....	.50	@ .52
OATS—White.....	.35	@ .41
PORK—New Mess.....	15.75	@ 16.25
ST. LOUIS.		
CATTLE.....	4.50	@ 5.75
HOGS.....	5.01	@ 5.50
SHEEP.....	1.82	@ 4.03
CORN—No. 2.....	.36	@ .37
OATS—No. 2.....	.25	@ .25 1/2
BARLEY—Iowa.....	.62	@ .63
INDIANAPOLIS.		
CATTLE.....	3.00	@ 3.50
HOGS.....	5.00	@ 5.50
SHEEP.....	3.00	@ 4.00
LAMBS.....	3.00	@ 4.00
CINCINNATI.		
HOGS.....	4.50	@ 5.00
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....	1.03	@ 1.04
CORN—No. 2.....	.38	@ .41
OATS—No. 2 Mixed.....	.27	@ .28
RYE—No. 2.....	.55	@ .57
PORK—Mess.....	15.25	@ 15.75
KANSAS CITY.		
CATTLE—Choice.....	4.75	@ 5.50
Medium.....	3.50	@ 4.75
Common.....	2.50	@ 3.50
HOGS.....	5.00	@ 5.50
SHEEP.....	3.00	@ 4.00

THE ARMY AND NAVY.

MANY POSITIONS THAT WILL BECOME VACANT AFTER MARCH.

First Assistant Postmaster General Stevenson Makes His Annual Report—Growth of the Country—Latest Election Returns from Several States.

(Washington (D. C.) special.)

President-Elect Harrison will have at his disposal during the four years of his administration several important army appointments. The first will be that of Adjutant General to succeed Gen. Drum, who will be retired May 28, 1899. Paymaster General Rochester, Quartermaster General Holabird, Commissary General McClellan, and Surgeon General Moore will be retired in 1899, and Gen. Benet in June, 1891. The only bureau officers who will hold their places until after the close of the Harrison administration are Chief Signal Officer Greeley, Inspector General Jones, Chief Engineer Casey and Judge Advocate General Swaim. The latter is now undergoing a sentence of suspension for twelve years. In the line of the army the next President will also have an opportunity to fill several vacancies of importance. Brigadier General Gibbon retires April 20, 1891, and Brigadier General Stanley June 1, 1892. This gives two places which it is customary to fill by selection from the colonels of the line. In the ordinary course of events the coming administration will not have the appointment of a Major General, as no officer of that grade will retire within four years from March 4 next. However, there will be seven Assistant Quartermasters to be appointed, as well as eight assistant surgeons and five assistant commissaries. The pay corps now numbers eight more than the maximum fixed by law, and therefore no appointments can be made to it with the exception of the paymaster generalship. There will be five retirements from the corps during Gen. Harrison's term. The navy will also give Gen. Harrison a number of important appointments, as the four years of the eight bureau chiefs, as well as that of the Judge Advocate General, will expire during the next administration. The terms of the bureau chiefs will expire on the following dates: Commander in Chief, Commodore, March 27, 1899; Capt. John G. Walker, navigation, Oct. 22, 1899; Capt. Montgomery Seward, ordnance, July 1, 1899; Capt. Winfield S. Schley, equipment and recruiting, Sept. 6, 1892; Surgeon General John M. Browne, in the spring of 1892; Paymaster General James Fulton, Dec. 15, 1890; Engineer-in-Chief George W. Melville, Aug. 6, 1891; Chief Naval Constructor Theodore D. Wilson, Dec. 1, 1890, and Judge Advocate General William B. Remy, June 12, 1892.

POSTMASTERS APPOINTED.

Annual Report of First Assistant Postmaster General Stevenson—New Appointments Necessary.

(Washington (D. C.) special.)

The annual report of First Assistant Postmaster General Stevenson shows that during the last fiscal year fourth-class Postmasters were appointed as follows: On resignations and commissions expired, 6,521; on removals, 1,244; on deaths of Postmasters, 65; on establishment of new postoffices, 3,869; whole number of appointments, 12,288. This is a net decrease from last year of 791. During the year 1,645 postoffices were discontinued. The report shows that there were 821 postoffices established and 145 more discontinued during the year than during the previous year. The increase in the whole number of postoffices is shown to have been 219, as against 1,543 for the year 1897. As illustrating the comparative growth of the several geographical sections of the country, the increase or decrease