

# The Democratic Sentinel

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## HALF-MILLION BURNS

### INDIANAPOLIS HAS A SEVERE FIRE.

Revenue Necessary for Next Year—Strange Method of Escape from Destruction of a Steamer—Monthly Treasury Statement.

#### Wiped Out by Flames.

Seven of the largest wholesale establishments in Indianapolis, Ind., were destroyed by the fire Tuesday. The loss is \$500,000. Two firemen, Frank Sloan and Patrick Murphy, were caught by falling walls, and the last-named will probably die from his injuries. The firms burned out are Schnell & Co., wholesale grocers; Ward Bros., wholesale druggists; Fairbanks, Morse & Co., scales; Eckhouse Bros., wholesale liquors; Woodford & Pohlman, wholesale liquors; Hildebrand Hardware Company, wholesale hardware; Indiana Coffee Company. The seven buildings destroyed were mostly four stories high, and were filled with goods. The estimated value of the buildings destroyed is \$113,000. The estimated total value of stocks destroyed is \$372,000. The insurance companies will have to bear about \$350,000 of the loss. The losses are distributed among more than 100 companies.

#### NEEDS FOR NEXT YEAR.

#### What It Costs to Run This Glorious Government.

The Secretary of the Treasury transmitted to Congress the estimates of appropriations required for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1897, as furnished by the several executive departments, which aggregate \$415,091,073. The appropriations for the present fiscal year amounted to \$412,753,264. The estimates for the fiscal year 1897 are recapitulated by titles as follows, cents omitted:

Legislative establishment	\$3,880,581
Executive establishment	20,103,242
Judicial establishment	923,920
Foreign intercourse	1,649,058
Military establishment	24,526,968
Naval establishment	27,582,675
Indian affairs	8,750,458
Pensions	141,384,570
Public works	28,574,028
Postal service	5,024,779
Miscellaneous	36,635,631
Permanent annual appropriations	119,054,190
Grand total	\$418,091,073

#### SAVED BY A CRACK.

#### Fire in a Burning Steamer Extinguished in a Curious Manner.

Two hundred barrels of oil, part of the cargo stowed between decks of the steel steamer W. H. Gilbert, shifted during a gale while the vessel was rounding Kenawee Point, on Lake Superior. Ten of the barrels were broken and the oil rolled down into the fire hold and was ignited by the furnace fires. The crew turned to and fought the fire with but little impression that it was through the vessel was doomed. The heat of the blazing oil, however, cracked one of the steel plates below the water line, through which the water poured in volume, and, turned into steam, smothered the fire. The pumps were started and, finding them adequate to keep the steamer afloat, she continued on her way and reached Duluth. The vessel was bound from Buffalo with a cargo of general merchandise.

#### Chasing Crow Brought to Book.

At Pierre, S. D., Chasing Crow, the first Indian to sign the treaty at Cheyenne agency which opened the Sioux reservation to settlement, and who signed with a threat of death hanging over him if he did so, was bound over to the United States Court on the charge of stealing a bunch of horses and running them off for the use of the hostile just before the battle of Wounded Knee.

#### Uncle Sam's Liabilities.

The office of road inquiry of the Department of Agriculture has completed an interesting investigation relating to the debt, less cash in the treasury, amounting to \$948,477,611, an increase for the month of \$2,046,503, which is accounted for by the decrease of \$2,641,611 in the cash in the treasury. This amount, however, does not include \$582,087,673 in certificates and treasury notes which are offset by an equal amount of cash in the treasury.

#### Clark Dying of Old Age.

Monday Lewis George Clark, the 84-year-old mulatto, who was the original of Mrs. Stowe's George Harris in "Uncle Tom's Cabin," was sent to the Lexington, Ky., infirmary. He has been failing rapidly, and is not likely to live long.

#### Bull Run at Auction.

The meadows upon which the famous battle of Bull Run was fought went under the hammer Monday, by order of the Probate Court, for the settlement of an estate. The property is to be divided into small farms and town lots.

#### More Money than Brains.

The newspaper of London says that after the well-known American, William L. Winans, had watched the ballet at the Alhambra for an hour every night in the week he distributed \$5,500 among the members of the ballet.

#### Prof. Smith Fatally Hurt.

Prof. T. M. Smith, of Case School of Applied Science, Cleveland, Ohio, while conducting one of his chemistry classes through the River Blast Furnace, was caught in the furnace elevator and fatally crushed.

#### Would Be Postoffice Robbers Caught.

Three men, who were heavily armed and planned to rob the postoffice at Anna, Mo., were arrested by the police.

#### Shoito on His Muscle.

Lord Shoto Douglas, son of the Marquis of Queensberry, knocked out a highwayman in one round at San Francisco. While returning from the theater, Lord Shoto was attacked by a young man who demanded money. Douglas replied with a blow and the footpad ran away.

#### Albert Hale Was Weary of Life.

Albert Hale, of Wilmington, Ohio, shot himself in the head with a rifle. He was to have been married this month to Fannie Tucker. Declining health is supposed to be the cause.

#### Diamond in a Turkey's Caw.

While Mrs. James Williams, of Jeffersonville, Ind., was dressing a turkey for dinner she found in the bird's caw a diamond solitaire the size of a pea. The fowl came from a farm close to a picnic ground, and it is thought that it picked up the jewel near there.

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United States Consul Hollis reports from Mozambique that the sugar crop is almost a total failure. The peanut crop, he says, is exceedingly short. Locusts are to blame. Owing to these causes the natives are emigrating in great numbers.

#### STATE PAPERS MUTILATED.

**Autograph Founds Found to Have Been at Work on Government Files.** The whole investigation thus far, up to the time of the discovery that the autograph founds had resulted in the discovery that the autograph founds had been at work among the files. This vandalism, so far as is yet known, seems to have been practiced principally in the Interior Department. In the investigation by the secret service men it has been discovered that the signatures of many great men, long since dead, especially Presidents of the United States, had been cut from papers in the land office. Abraham Lincoln's autograph had been especially sought after. These papers are stowed away in the files, and it is hardly once a year that any of them are needed. The discovery of the mutilation in the ordinary course of office routine was improbable. The papers, in many instances, have been rendered practically valueless by this mutilation, which is a very serious matter.

#### TEMPER AND WELD COPPER.

**Detroit Man Claims to Have Discovered the Lost Art.**

E. G. Salter, of Detroit, has discovered the lost art of tempering copper so that the metal may be utilized in place of steel for many purposes where corrosion puts steel at a disadvantage. He made both coiled and flat springs of great elasticity, and, best of all, is able to weld the metal itself and weld it to iron or steel. Mr. Salter says his process gives copper all the qualities which it possesses when the secret process of tempering is employed. Trolley wheels made from tempered copper have outworn sets of wheels made in the old way.

#### FEARS FOR A STEAMER.

#### Fifty-five Days Out from Tacoma and Still No Tidings of Her.

There are still no tidings from the missing steamer Strathnavis, which cleared for Yokohama Oct. 12, and left Victoria the next day. She is now fifty-five days out from Tacoma. The Strathnavis made two trips on the Northern Pacific Line. She carried a cargo of 2,000 tons of general freight and had a passenger list of 125 Chinese, most of them being merchants from China. New York, Buffalo, Boston and Philadelphia. Five departed Chinese from Washington and Montana were also on board. The Strathnavis was commanded by Capt. James Pattie, whose officers are as follows: Chief officer, James Duncan; second officer, W. Robertson; third officer, W. McFarland; chief engineer, J. Rose; second engineer, A. Bell; third engineer, J. Coulter; fourth officer, J. Love; purser, J. McDonald. With passengers and crew the number of persons on board was about 150.

#### RETARDED BY BAD WEATHER.

#### No Improvement in Trade Noted Over Last Week.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: "Business has not improved, though there is little change, except in the leakage of prices, which a period of inaction continues. After the extraordinary buying of the summer and early fall a marked decrease was inevitable, and it is yet too early in most branches of business to judge how far the future was anticipated in purchases. Retail stocks are still reported full in nearly all branches, with delayed distribution in many on account of unfavorable weather. The movement of crops is only fair, both cotton and wheat being largely kept back in the hope of higher prices, and there is a prevalent feeling that foreign imports will fall off."

#### BALANCE ON RIGHT SIDE.

#### Surplus Remains After the Christian Endeavor Convention.

The completion of all business relating to the great Christian Endeavor convention at Boston was celebrated by a banquet at Hotel Brunswick, at which the now famous committee of thirteen sat down, with President Francis E. Clark, D. D., and Secretary John Willis Baer. The committee sub-chairman and treasurer read their reports. The latter's was of great interest. The total receipts were \$22,782, with contributions in labor and material of nearly \$1,000 more. The total expenditures were \$22,286, leaving a balance of \$496.

#### CELEBRATIONS IN PANAMA.

#### Anniversary of Independence Is Observed in a Lavish Manner.

Festivities in celebration of the independence of Panama were on a more lavish scale than ever before. The newspaper articles are uniformly encouraging. The Isthmian Herald says: "Even while we celebrate our independence Cuba's orders reach our ears. In struggling to free herself of the Spanish incubus she is simply doing what all South America did."

#### GAS FROM STOVE KILLS THEM.

#### Rev. A. Henrich and Wife Found Dead at Plate Center, Neb.

At Plate Center, Neb., the Rev. A. Henrich and his wife were asphyxiated by gas from their hard-coal stove. Mr. Henrich was found dead and his wife was dying when neighbors forced the door. They came from Louisville, Ky., several years ago and are well known in many States.

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#### Another Victim of Hiccoughs.

Judge J. D. Rose, president of the Curryville, Mo., bank, has been hiccoughing constantly for the last week. Although several doctors have attended him, they can do nothing for his relief. His death is hourly expected.

#### New Portuguese Minister.

Senior Cyrillo Machado has been appointed Portuguese Minister to the United States.

#### MARKET QUOTATIONS.

#### Thirteen Are Dead.

An accident, resulting in the loss of thirteen or fourteen lives, occurred at the mines at Tilly Foster, near Carmel, N. Y., Friday afternoon. Foreman Murtha was descending into the pit to take the time of two gangs of laborers, numbering thirty-five men, who were working at the bottom, when a vast weight of earth and rock slid with the force of an avalanche from the mouth of the pit to the bottom, a distance of 300 feet. The earth crushed over the men with tremendous force. Out of one gang of eleven men only five came out alive, and three of the men employed in another gang were taken out dead.

#### Victorious Football Teams.

In the foot-ball games Thursday at Chicago Anna Arbor defeated the University of Chicago by a score of 12 to 0. The Boston and Chicago Athletic clubs played the game, 4 to 4. At Philadelphia Cornell and Cornell, 46 to 2. At Princeton, R. I., Brown, U. S. M. A., defeated Dartmouth, 10 to 4. At Washington, Columbia Athletic won from Columbia University, 14 to 12. At Louisville, Louisville Athletic defeated DePaul University, 12 to 10. At Lafayette, Ind., Illinois University lost to Purdue, 6 to 2.

#### Bad Freight Wreck.

A serious freight wreck occurred in the Akron, Ohio, yards, a south-bound freight running into a switching train. Engineer Ahrens jumped and was probably fatally injured.

#### Dr. Thomas on Endeavorers.

But, thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.—Matthew vi. 6.

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in McVicker's Theater, Chicago, Sunday morning. He selected it from the Sermon on the Mount, in his charity for the young people picking this verse and of the one before it, which brands those who use the corners of the streets and delight in the conspicuous worship as "hypocrites." The one following brands those who delight in repetitions as "atheists." The pastor did not think the method employed at Cleveland was original or in accordance with the divine instruction of the prophet. The pastor, from which the passage was taken was a divine homily on supplication. It contained the Lord's prayer and was delivered to the multitude collected from all over Syria that the value and efficacy of pharisaical ostentation of the idolaters. Dr. Thomas said he hoped for the change of heart of the agnostic, but the noisy, advertised methods recently adopted would certainly not have found favor twenty centuries ago among the people from Galilee and Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and from beyond the Jordan, who heard Christ from the hillside.

## THE LIVTH CONGRESS

#### AUGUST BODIES ARE AGAIN IN SESSION.

**Chiefly Notable at Present for the Lack of Familiar Faces—Flood of Bills and Resolutions Is Ready for the House.**

#### Assembling of the Solons.

Washington correspondence: The Fifty-fourth Congress began its first session at noon Monday, and the most striking feature to the old observer of the lower house was the absence of familiar faces. The appearance of the Senate was not greatly changed. Of the famous men in the House these are about all that are left:

Redd, Boutelle, Dingley, and Milliken, of Maine; Dockery, Cobb, Tarsney, Hall and De Armond, of Missouri; "Private John" Allen, Catchings and Money, of Mississippi; Crisp, of Georgia; Cannon, of Illinois; Cobell, of Alabama; Hifforn, of California; McCreary and Berry, of Kentucky.

The face of Breckinridge is missing, as is also many another familiar one—Blair, of Missouri, of the cart wheel dollar; Holman, of Indiana, watchdog of the treasury; Bourke Cockran, New York's famous campaign orator; Bryan, of Nebraska, "the boy orator of the Platte"; Springer, of Illinois, and Kilgore, of Texas, Congress of Indiana, is not in the Congressional gallery, like that other ex-Congressman, Borah, of Idaho.

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#### REWARDING PARTY PROPERTY.

Washington correspondence: The Senators dropped in one at a time. There are not many in their places usually, but the gavel falls, but on the opening day there was a larger number than is usually the case.

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