

CHAIRMAN WILSON left Guadalajara, Mexico, on the 13th, for San Antonio, Tex.

CONGRESSMAN CALDWELL who is a candidate for the mayoralty of Cincinnati, has left Washington to engage in the canvass.

It is claimed by members of the house that if the seigniorage bill passes the senate the president will allow it to become a law without his signature.

T. H. DAVIES, guardian to Princess Kaiulani, was a passenger by the steamer Mariposa which arrived at San Francisco from Honolulu on the 15th.

SEVERAL racing magnates have purchased for \$150,000 a tract of land in the southern part of San Francisco, and will open a new race track in October.

LONDON TRUTH, of the 14th, says the selection of Lord Rosebery for the premiership was a skillfully-contrived conspiracy, and a dirty trick on the liberal party.

THE Iowa senate defeated the Carpenter local option bill, on the 16th, by a vote of 23 to 12, and the house killed the committee bill for mulct and local option—both victories for the prohibitionists.

AFTER the surrender of the Brazilian insurgents President Peixoto at once sent food and water to the starving garrisons on Cobras and Paqueita islands, and ordered the sick and wounded to be taken care of.

A DYNAMITE bomb was exploded, on the 15th, inside the chief entrance to the Church of La Madeleine in Paris. The man who threw it, was the only person killed by the explosion, but a number of others were severely injured.

KING LEOPOLD, whose quiet disappearance from his country house in Belgium excited much comment, was recognized, on the 16th, in Montreux, in the canton of Vaud, on Lake Geneva, Switzerland, where he was staying incognito.

BOTH Senators Voorhees and Vest stated, on the 13th, that the pending tariff bill will not disturb the reciprocity arrangements which were negotiated by the last administration with foreign countries under the authority of section 3 of the McKinley bill.

DR. FRANK POWELL (White Beaver) returned to La Crosse, Wis., on the 16th, from the home of Col. Cody (Buffalo Bill), in North Platte, Neb., and reported that all possibility of a duel between Cody and Fred May was past, May and Cody having adjusted their differences through their representatives.

A DISTINGUISHED Anglo-American supporter of the deposed queen in Honolulu says the royalists have not lost hope of her restoration by the powers at Washington; but declares the provisional government will not be tolerated one day after the final decision of the Washington authorities reaches Honolulu.

MUNICIPAL elections were held all over the state of Michigan on the 12th. In towns where party lines were drawn, the returns show that the republicans were generally successful, with large gains in their vote. In towns where a citizens' or workingmen's ticket was in the field it swept everything.

ON the 15th the secretary of the navy cabled orders to Admiral Benham, at Rio de Janeiro, directing him to proceed at once with one ship to Bluefields, Nicaragua. No particular ship was mentioned, but it was understood that the San Francisco, upon which the admiral had his flag, would execute the order.

THE Illinois delegation in congress, at a meeting, on the 15th, adopted suitable resolutions in reference to the death of Mrs. Hunter, wife of Congressman Hunter. They also sent a handsome floral tribute and accompanied the remains to the railway station, whence they were started on their journey to Paris, Ill., for interment.

AT the close of proceedings in the Pollard-Breckinridge breach-of-promise case in Washington, on the 13th, an altercation, in which blows passed, took place between the lawyers for the prosecution and defense, as they were leaving the court room, caused the weekly statement of the Bank of France, issued on the 15th, showed an increase of 7,350,000 francs gold and a decrease of 900,000 francs silver.

SIR WILLIAM HAROURT announced in the British house of commons, on the 14th, that after taking advice from all available sources the government had decided not to present the address as amended—containing the demand for the abolition of the house of lords—to the queen, but would bring in a new address amounting merely to an acknowledgment of the speech from the throne, which was subsequently presented and adopted.

TWO IMPORTANT dispatches from Minister Thompson at Rio were received by the state department on the 12th. The first of these stated that Admiral da Gama had offered through the Portuguese naval commander to surrender on condition that he and his followers should be guaranteed safety. The second, received two hours later, said that Admiral da Gama had left his ship and gone on board a Portuguese vessel as an asylum. Secretary Gresham understands from these dispatches that the war has virtually ended.

CURRENT TOPICS.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

In the senate, on the 13th, Mr. Blanchard, appointed to succeed Senator White, of Louisiana, was sworn in. Mr. Peffer offered a substitute for, and Mr. Gallinger an amendment to, the tariff bill. The seigniorage bill was taken up, and Mr. Vilas concluded his speech against it, followed by Mr. Allison, who demanded reconsideration for amendment to cure the bill of fatal defects. Mr. Wolcott also made a brief speech. In the house, it being District of Columbia day, no general legislation was considered.

In the senate, on the 13th, the Bland seigniorage bill was taken up, and Mr. Stewart spoke in favor of it. Mr. Dolph spoke in opposition to the bill, his speech being unfinished when the senate adjourned. In the house most of the day's session was occupied in considering the sundry civil appropriations bill. A vote upon Mr. Morse's amendment disclosing the absence of a quorum, the house, at 5:10, adjourned.

In the senate, on the 14th, after routine morning business, the Bland seigniorage bill was taken up. Several amendments had been made to the vote on Mr. Allison's motion to reconsider the vote ordering the bill to a third reading was taken, and resulted, Yeas, 28; nays, 45. The agreement that the remainder of the discussion be under the five-minute rule was abrogated, and Mr. George continued his argument in favor of the bill. In the house consideration of the sundry civil appropriations bill was resumed, a strong opposition developing to the appropriation for the Mississippi river commission, which was finally agreed to.

In the senate, on the 15th, the bill to amend the act authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Columbia river between the states of Oregon and Washington was reported and passed: Yeas, 44; nays, 31. Several bills of minor importance were also passed, and the senate went into executive session. In the house the bill to lease Oklahoma school lands was passed, and the sundry civil appropriations bill was taken up.

The senate was not in session on the 16th. In the house an amendment to the civil sundry appropriations bill adopted on the 15th, directing a special investigation of the coast and geodetic survey, was so amended as to withdraw the authority to reorganize the force and to make \$125,000 the minimum limit of the expenditure for the office force. After further consideration of the bill the house took recess until 8 p.m., the evening session being for the consideration of private pension bills.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

AT the expiration of the forty-eight hours' notice given by the Brazilian government, active operations against the rebels at Rio were begun at noon of the 13th. Their fire was not returned by the insurgent ships, and when the government fleet entered the harbor they found forts Villegaignon and Cobras abandoned by their garrisons. The terms of capitulation offered by Admiral da Gama were rejected, and unconditional surrender was demanded by President Peixoto.

THE London Times, after making allowance for the difficulties which Lord Rosebery had to encounter, says "the general feeling is that his debut as premier was distinctly disappointing." In the trial of suits instituted by Chancellor von Caprivi and Finance Minister Dr. Miguel against the writers Plack and Schweinhagen and Bookseller Ewald, begun in Berlin on the 13th, for having issued a pamphlet entitled "Pharisees and Hypocrites," the defense set up was that the charges are true.

THE new antidote for laudanum poisoning was successfully administered in the Homeopathic hospital at Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 14th, to a man who had swallowed five ounces of the deadly drug with suicidal intent, and upon whom all the ordinary means of resuscitation had been used without avail.

A NUMBER of participants in the late revolt at Costa Rica have taken steamer from Port Limon for New Orleans. Twenty-three of the prisoners taken were shot.

RICHARD PURYEAR, who murdered Christian Ehlers, near Tannersville, Pa., escaped from jail at Stroudsburg on the 15th. He was pursued by citizens, captured and hanged to a tree.

THE conflict of authority between Gov. Waite of Colorado, and the board of fire and police of Denver, supported by the sheriff of Arapahoe county, culminated on the 15th, in the governor calling out several companies of militia to take forcible possession of the city hall, in which the sheriff with over 100 special deputies and the city police were entrenched. Both sides were obdurate, and bloodshed would have followed had not Gen. McCook, with United States troops from Fort Logan, appeared on the scene as a peacemaker.

ON the 15th United States Ambassador Bayard had an interview of nearly an hour's duration with the earl of Kimberley, British secretary of state for foreign affairs. It is understood the interview had reference to the recent interference on the part of Capt. A. G. Cuzon-Howe of the British war ship Cleopatra in the matter of the seizure of the Mosquito reservation in Central America by the Nicaraguans.

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FOR the first time in the history of the United States a Japanese has applied for naturalization papers in Boston. His name is Shebato Saito, aged 29. He is a graduate of the State school of South Carolina and the Washington academy in Maine, and also attended the Georgetown university at Washington. He married an American woman. The case will be decided on the 22d.

A MITE of a baby is thriving in an incubator in New York, and though she weighed scant two pounds when she was born on February 24, on the 15th she tipped the beam at five and one-half pounds and was as fat as a butter roll. So she promises to be a credit to her mechanical foster mother—the incubator. She is the daughter of E. Clarence and Florence H. Haight.

ELEVEN survivors of the company of 300 which left Pittsburgh, Pa., for California during the gold excitement of 1849 met in city, on the night of the 15th, to celebrate the forty-fifth anniversary of their departure. After a brief business meeting and the re-election of the old officers "The 40ers" sat down to an elaborate banquet.

CLUNG MING SEE, treasurer of the company of Chinese merchants which owned and operated the Chinese theater and village on the World's fair grounds, is locked up in Chicago, charged with embezzling nearly \$60,000 of the company's funds. He was arrested by a Chinese detective, Lem Dong, who brought the alleged embezzler back from China.

AFTER the shore batteries at Rio had fired upon the insurgent ships for thirty minutes, on the 13th, the latter surrendered unconditionally, Admiral da Gama having previously gone aboard the Frenchman-of-war.

FALSE teeth sold at one cent per set, gold watches at \$3.50 each, and seal saucers at 42 cents apiece, at the sale of unidentified property held by the lost and found department of the World's fair in Chicago on the 15th. Other lost goods were sold at equally low prices, and not over \$500 was realized by the Exposition managers.

DISPATCHES received at Lisbon, on the 15th, from Rio de Janeiro said that Admiral Saldanha da Gama, with 500 of the insurgent sailors and marines, was on board the Portuguese corvette Mindello. It was added that the refugees would be brought to Portugal by the Mindello and by the Alfonso de Albuquerque.

THE ravages of yellow fever are alarming everybody in Rio Janeiro. The number of deaths amount to sixty daily. All sorts of rumors are in circulation. One of them is that the Aquidabon, one of the vessels seized by de Mello when he sought to set up a government on his own account, has been found abandoned in southern waters.

CAPT. FRANK BROWNELL, who shed the first southern blood in the war on Virginia soil, shooting and killing Jackson who had the moment before killed Col. Ellsworth, after the latter had torn down the confederate flag from Jackson's hotel in Alexandria, died in Washington on the 15th.

ON the 15th the Bland seigniorage silver coinage bill was passed by the senate by a majority of thirteen, the vote being: Ayes, 44; nays, 31. The bill was passed exactly as received from the house.

ADVICES from Miller, J. S. D., on the 15th were to the effect that the country was being swept by a fearful prairie fire, which had burned much timber, two or three schoolhouses and farm buildings in several places.

CHEVALIER MOLARONI, for twenty years an official in the department of public works at Rome, died, on the 18th, from the effects of injuries received on the occasion of the explosion of a bomb in front of the chamber of deputies on March 8.

THE coroner's jury in the case of the lynching of the negro Richard Puryear, at Stroudsburg, Pa., returned a verdict, on the 16th, finding that the murderer came to his death by being beaten by parties not known to the jury.

THE Floyd brothers, on trial at Minneapolis, Minn., were each sentenced, on the 16th, to five years' imprisonment in the penitentiary for complicity in the Minneapolis bank embezzlement.

ERASMO W. PAYNE, who claimed to be the oldest odd fellow in the state of Michigan, dropped dead at his home in Adair on the 16th. He was 85 years old.

By the explosion of a boiler in the province of Yekaterinovsk, Russia, on the 16th, fifteen men were killed and many others badly injured.

JOHN WEST, the leader of a notorious gang of burglars, was arrested in Sidney, O., on the 16th.

THE reichstag passed the Russo-German commercial treaty on the 16th.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

THE senate was not in session on the 17th. In the house, after attention to matters of minor importance, the sundry civil appropriation bill was taken up in committee of the whole. Several proposed amendments were ruled out on points of order. The committee rose, and the special order for the hour—eulogies upon the late Representative W. H. Enoch, of Ohio, who died last July—was taken up, after which the house adjourned.

THE green flag of Ireland which was carried by the steamboat Hazel Kirke during the naval parade last year, and which was saluted by the visiting war ships, was raised at sunrise, on St. Patrick's day, on a line between the staffs on which the state and municipal flags float over the New York city hall building.

IN the race, on the 17th, between the crews of the universities of Oxford and Cambridge—the fifty-first since 1829, when the present series began—Oxford won by three and a half lengths in 21 minutes, 39 seconds. The race was rowed over the championship course of 4½ miles, from Putney to Mortlake.

THE statement of the associated banks of New York city for the week ended the 17th showed the following changes: Reserve, increase, \$1,668,925; loans, increase, \$3,108,600; specie, increase, \$1,219,300; legal tenders, increase, \$2,240,400; net deposits, increase, \$7,162,700; circulation, decrease, \$224,800.

THE usual March celebration in honor of the men who fell in the revolution of 1848 was held in Berlin on the 18th. The weather was bright and cold and thousands went to the Friedrichshain cemetery to decorate the graves of the revolutionists.

COUNT POURTALES, who owns much land in Colorado, while still retaining his interest in several large Silesian estates, has gone to Berlin to follow the proceedings of the imperial currency commission. He is about to publish a book on the silver question.

ON the 17th, Queen Emma signed a decree dissolving the Dutch parliament. This step is supposed to be the outcome of the recent action of the second chamber in adopting an amendment to the principal clause of the government reform bill.

THE anniversary of the Commune was celebrated in Paris, on the 18th, without disturbance of any kind. The cemetery of Pere Lachaise was crowded, but no unusual demonstration was made.

THE STATE AT LARGE.

Interesting Information from Towns in Indiana.

WHY Go After the Randolph Land.

COLUMBUS, Ind., March 15.—Away back in colonial days—1793—Daniel F. Randolph owned forty acres of land where the city of Philadelphia now stands. He executed a lease upon it for ninety-nine years, then entered the army. He was killed in the revolutionary war and all trace of his possessions lost. The lease expired in 1892, and efforts are now being made to find his heirs. Miss Susie Randolph, of this city, Dr. D. F. Randolph, of Waldron, Shelby county, and the Randolphs of Des Moines, Ia., and Kahoka, Mo., and the Palmers and Earharts of Shelby and Rush counties are known to be heirs. Miss Susie is 83 years of age, a dwarf and an orphan, living here by sewing. Dr. Randolph was here Wednesday night, and after a conference with Miss Susie they employed an attorney and agreed to raise \$200 to cover the expense of a trip to Philadelphia to thoroughly investigate the case. The heirs number about thirty-five and the estate is estimated to be worth \$4,000,000.

Saloons Held as Nuisances.

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Elopement with Zella's Sister.

WARREN, Ind., March 15.—Al Ruhman, guardian and alleged husband of Zella Nicolaus, of George Gould fame, and Mrs. Effie Wetherbee, the oldest sister of the fair Zella, departed from this city Wednesday morning and no one knows whether they have gone. Zella herself is broken-hearted at the home of her father, Wesley Little, in this city. She says, with great emphasis, however, that Ruhman, in whom she so fondly trusted and with whom she made that famous European tour, is a black-hearted scoundrel and that he must not enter her presence again.

Lafayette Gas Plants Sold.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., March 15.—The natural gas and the artificial gas plants of this city Wednesday became the property of an eastern syndicate headed by Charles F. Dieterich and A. B. Pross, of New York. The deal was for cash and the money is in bank subject to the check of the late owners.

James Murdock, president of the natural gas plant, represented the people here in the deal. The natural gas plant sold for \$650,000 and the artificial gas plant for \$190,000.

Back Taxes Must Be Paid.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 15.—Legal notice was served upon the executor of the late Banker Gallup Wednesday that the county auditor would place upon the tax duplicate all omitted property of the deceased since 1881, in amounts ranging from \$175,000 in 1881 to \$223,000 in 1893, the total taxes due being \$52,486. The executor was cited to show cause next Saturday why the amounts should not be placed for taxation.