

WILL MR. FULLER ACCEPT?

Some Reasons Why the Chicagoan May Not Want the Chief Justiceship.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—There is a rumor current among those intimate with the President that it is possible Mr. Melville W. Fuller will not accept the position of Chief Justice of the United States.

After his name was sent to the Senate on Monday last and the nomination was known throughout the country, it was naturally expected at the White House that some recognition would come from Mr. Fuller of the great honor conferred upon him.

The salary of Chief Justice is only \$10,500 per annum. To accept the office would make him dependent upon that salary and such income as he might derive from his Chicago property.

It was not alone a question of judicial honor, but of honor with an assured enjoyment of all that is necessary to maintain it through the remaining years of his life without, in the least, marring the story of the Chief Justice's life.

A personal friend of Mr. Fuller says that he believes he will accept the place and make whatever sacrifices may be necessary to bring his expenses within his personal and official income.

Trains Robbed in Ohio. Mansfield, O., May 6.—A bold, but bungling attempt to rob the Limited Express, No. 8, on the Baltimore and Ohio at about 1 o'clock this morning was frustrated by the train crew and passengers.

Two Steamers Collide. Norfolk, Va., May 7.—The British steamer Benzon, Capt. Aikenhead, from Matanzas, to Philadelphia, was towed here today in distress, and reports being in collision yesterday afternoon shortly after 12 o'clock during a dense fog.

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A Pauper Dies with Gold in Her Pockets. Eliza Maxwell, an old colored woman, who has been sheltered at the expense of the county, at the poor house, three months past, died in that institution a day or two ago.

DEAR MR. EDITOR:—Won't you please tell your male readers that \$3 will buy a fine, strong and serviceable pair of pants, made to order by the N. Y. Standard Pants Co., of 66 University Place, New York City?

WILLIAM VANDERBILT.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Items of Interest Gathered from Various Quarters.

Dom Pedro is now considered out of danger. The flood in the Mississippi River is assuming alarming proportions.

The Emperor of Brazil is suffering from pleurisy. Physicians attending him say that his condition is serious.

The State mineralogist reports that California last year produced \$13,963,928 in ores and bullion.

A fire in Georgetown, S. C., yesterday morning, destroyed property to the value of \$30,000.

Lightning struck a schoolhouse Wednesday at Dayton, O., and two little girls were fatally injured.

The President has nominated Robert B. Roosevelt, of New York, to be minister resident of the United States to the Netherlands.

The Brazilian Government has announced its intention to submit to the Legislature a project for the abolition of slavery in Brazil.

The President contributed \$100 Wednesday towards the building of an orphan asylum for colored children at Lynchburg, Va.

Forty-six thoroughbred yearlings were sold at Lexington, Ky., on Tuesday, for \$28,410, an average of \$487.

The Kansas Republican State Convention passed resolutions endorsing Plumb and Ingalls. The sentiment of the convention was decidedly in favor of Plumb.

The Vatican has received a dispatch from the Papal Nuncio at Paris stating that the disputes between France and the Vatican have been satisfactorily settled.

The schooner Ridgewood, loaded with lumber, was burned Wednesday below Jacksonville, Fla. Loss on vessel and cargo \$28,000.

Commodore Norman Wilson, one of the wealthiest men in the Northwest, died suddenly yesterday evening on the train en route for his home in Minneapolis.

Geo. F. Montgomery, of Vincennes, Ind., lumber dealer, who has been buying extensively in the South, has confessed judgment in the sum of \$38,800.

The expenses of living in the city of New York may be conjectured from a remark in the Mail and Express that a man on an income this side of \$5,000 finds the country healthier than the city.

The Republican newspapers North are diligently searching for something damaging to Mr. Melville W. Fuller. They say they have discovered he was a member of the famous "Peace Legislature" of Illinois.

Dennis McLaughlin, of New Haven, aged 50, hung himself in his barn yesterday. He owned considerable property.

Wm. Hopkins, who was to have been hanged in Savannah, Ga., has been respited by Governor Gordon. Hopkins is the man who stoned a stranger to death at a country church because he wore a "billed shirt."

The National Bureau of Engraving and Printing is engaged night and day in printing one and two dollar silver certificates and to date has finished \$28,000,000 of ones and \$17,000,000 of twos.

WEDDINGS IN PARIS.

The United States fish commission car reached Atlanta yesterday. A change of water was found necessary and Artesian water was supplied.

Davidson College experienced a severe electrical disturbance on Sunday night. A destructive fire was caused by lightning striking the warehouse of John Caldwell.

The Sound View Farm stables of Richard Conkling, who raises great trotters and Standardbred King Wilkes and many others, were destroyed by fire Monday morning together with several valuable horses. Loss \$50,000. Insured.

The Senate public buildings and grounds committee Monday acted favorably upon bills for public buildings at the following places: Vicksburg, Miss., \$100,000; Jackson, Miss., (enlargement), \$60,000; Columbus, Ga., \$100,000; Charleston, S. C., \$300,000.

W. Bayard Cutting, under decree of the United States Court, Monday bought for \$125,000 the balance of the T. R. & N. R. Railroad system, consisting of the Florida Transit, Transit, Tropical and Plant City Extension. He controls the majority of bonds, and now has the whole property.

After four days' discussion the General Conference of the Methodist Church, at New York, Monday afternoon, by a majority of votes, refused to admit women as delegates. The ministerial vote was 159 yeas against 123 nays, and the lay vote 78 yeas against 76 nays.

Captain Martin Moore, of the steamer Benton, running between Memphis, Tenn., and Jackson Mound Park, was murdered on board his steamer at 8 o'clock Sunday night, during a disagreement between those who chartered the steamer and himself. Eph Reeves and W. J. McCowan are charged with the murder.

Judge Tuley, of Illinois, has rendered a preliminary decision in a contested case which is of considerable importance to all children born in slavery and to many of the descendants of such children. He pronounces such children illegitimate, and holds that they cannot inherit property from the father.

The Georgia State Temperance Convention, before adjourning, passed resolutions to make a general prohibition contest in the election for the Legislature this fall. Prohibition candidates will be nominated in every county pledged to vote for a statutory prohibitory law instead of leaving the question to the vote of the people.

A Dublin dispatch says: James Quinn, a boy ranger who lived in the village of Loughrea, County Cork, was found murdered yesterday. Three bullet wounds were discovered on his body. He had been threatened by moonlighters with death unless he abandoned the farm he occupied. Quinn's family live in America.

Mrs. Annie Eisenbarth, residing at 3,725 Organ street, St. Louis, was walking through her residence Sunday morning when she suddenly fell to the floor and expired. Her sister, who lived near by, was summoned. On arriving at the house she went to the room where the dead woman lay and fell dead beside her. Both ladies were supposed to be in the best of health.

During a heavy rain and thunder storm Tuesday the towboat Future City and three barges from St. Louis came in contact with United States war vessels at anchor in front of New Orleans. Two of the barges were lost. One contained 51,000 bushels of bulk wheat and the other a full cargo of freight. The barges are valued at \$90,000 each and their cargoes at \$70,000.

United States Revenue Officer A. H. Williams on Tuesday arrested Geo. Hale, moonshiner, at Rocky Mount, Franklin county, Va., while on his way to jail. Hale was arrested while on his way to jail. He had been overpowered by a crowd of 150 men and the prisoner released. The rescued prisoner was carried to the mountains amid wild shouts. No pursuit was made.

Henry Miller and Wm. L. Aderholt, two farmers living near Beecher City, Ill., had a law suit Wednesday over a trivial matter. Aderholt won the suit, and Miller became so enraged he went home, seized his gun, marched to Aderholt's house and shot him dead. He also went to the house of a man named McKenzy, who sided with Aderholt, and shot him, but McKenzy was recovered.

Early Monday morning a cloud burst near Maize, fifteen miles west of Wichita, Kan. Rain fell during all night and when the clouds broke there was a awful hail, which frightened the people out of their houses. Many buildings were demolished. The house of a family named Rocky was swept into the Arkansas river where it sank. Rocky, his wife and two children were drowned. Many horses and cows were lost in the flood.

The Common Council of Lansing, Mich., had a deadlock session of twenty-two hours, which ended Tuesday evening in the election of Democrats to all city offices. The vote of all members was required to make an election legal, and Mr. Edson, a Republican, was purposely kept hidden. He was not seen at last and forced to vote. The count was a tie, the Mayor's vote (Democratic) settled the contest.

The barn and stables of William Smith, who lives about ten miles west of Anderson, were destroyed by the torch of an incendiary on Saturday night, about 10 o'clock. The buildings contained forty bushels of corn, seven hundred bundles of fodder and two fine mules. Nothing was saved. Mr. Smith knew nothing of the fire till aroused from his slumbers by one of his neighbors who lived near. There is no clue yet to the incendiary.

A strange atmospheric phenomenon was seen at Maize, Kansas, on Sunday. A storm cloud burst and extended over a space, parallelogram in form, about 500 yards wide and one mile long. For half an hour the rain came down in torrents. The heavens were black, and darkness almost equal to that of night covered the entire area. The people ran affrighted from their homes, many crying that the end of the world had come. The loss of property will be heavy.

Trying to Murder by Wholesale. An arrest at Toledo, O., Tuesday disclosed a fiendish attempt at poisoning that might have resulted in the death of hundreds. Hiram Fields, a prominent grape grower and wine merchant, reproved his hired man for drunkenness. The hired man replied, "I'll fix you!" Later Mr. Fields found that his wine casks had been tampered with. A closer examination revealed crystals of blue vitriol not dissolved in the wine. Dozens of casks containing thousands of gallons were found to have been thus poisoned. The man was arrested. There is great excitement and threats of lynching.

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WEDDINGS IN PARIS.

The Great Resort for Parties of the Middle Classes.

Bride and Groom Go Hand-in-Hand to Church. Their Friends Grouped Around Them—Description of a Double Marriage.

The Bois de Vincennes is a great resort for wedding parties among the middle class, as there is a restaurant there where they can dance and have an entertainment. A Paris correspondent to the Baltimore Sun.

We saw two parties on a previous visit. In one instance the bride and groom were walking hand-in-hand, with a group of friends around them, and a boy was playing a fiddle. The other party were playing some sort of game chasing each other in a circle.

There was a monogram of the initials of the bride and groom at the top of the paper, and on one page a request from the father and mother of the bride that you would honor them with your company at the marriage of their daughter, with the opposite page a request from the groom and his mother to the bride's father and mother.

The Roman Catholic churches of Paris are all built on the same general principles. There is a high vaulted roof over the main building, supported by several rows of columns. Behind these columns or pillars are recesses built in the side of the church, which are known as chapels. There are usually paintings on the walls of the chapels, and they are furnished with altars and candles. The pulpit is commonly in the middle of the church and the organ over the entrance.

The groomsmen were dressed like the bride and groom. They were dressed very elegantly in black silk, and there were some thirty or forty relations and people from the hotel in attendance. A priest, in a white satin surplice, embroidered with gold, and an altar boy in red, with white surplice, were performing the ceremony. A large man in a cocked hat, with silver lace, and a uniform of a military band, with a sword, was standing in the aisle holding a baton with a silver knob on the end in his hand. I was told he was a beadle.

After awhile he went away, and was succeeded by a smaller man with a large silver chain round his neck. While the bride arose from her knees the beadle would carefully arrange her veil on a chair behind her kept vacant for that purpose. All at once the bridesmaid left her seat, and accompanied by the groomsmen, walked about the room, the people taking up a collection in a blue bag she held in her hand. After she returned to her seat the deputy beadle struck his cane on the pavement and led the way out of the chapel to a room where the register is kept and the names were duly inscribed. Then congratulations were in order, and nearly everyone kissed the bride, first on one cheek and then on the other. I shook hands with the bride and groom. I never care to kiss another man's wife when he is standing by looking at me.

Besides, as a native of North Carolina once remarked to me: "I never did believe in this here promiscuous kissing!" There were a number of poor old women watching the ceremony in the church with great interest, and when the bridal party stepped into their carriages several women, with babies in their arms, offered flowers for sale. At the groomsmen's table about a doorman to the interior of the church to have a look at it, and discovered two other weddings in progress in different chapels. One party were dressed exactly like those I have just described, bridesmaids and all, while the other bride was in a dark dress with a short lace veil, and her bridesmaid wore a bonnet and brown dress.

This bride looked pasty white, while the groom had evidently not had the hair on top of his head cut for some time. For the reason that there was no bride when I returned to the hotel, about four in the afternoon, I walked into the dining-room for a glass of water and found our wedding party seated around the table with a look of expectation, while the stout French landlady was bustling about with the keys of the sideboard. I felt that this was no time to drink water, so beat a hasty retreat, just catching a glimpse of the blue bridesmaid as I went out. I have noticed a very curious feature in the newspapers here. One reads: "Rare opportunity; pretty orphan, twenty-one years, 80,000 francs." Another: "Great choice of misses, and a widow of forty, with 90,000 francs."

What Mr. Cleveland Wrote in a Lady's Autograph Album. Says a Washington special to the Pittsburgh Press: A lady went to the White House recently to obtain the President's autograph. Handing Mr. Pruden, the Executive clerk, a bright, clean sheet of tinted note paper with her monogram upon it, she requested that gentleman to ask Mr. Cleveland to inscribe it. Mr. Pruden, who is always obliging, went to the President's private office to secure the favor for the lady. Returning in a few moments he said: "The President sends his compliments, and says that if you will bring your autograph album he will be glad to write his name in it; but he never puts his signature upon a blank sheet of paper."

The lady was rather taken aback, but, thanking Mr. Pruden for his kindness, returned home to bring her album. The book being a trifling thing in appearance, and also quite full of autographs, she determined to purchase a new one and had the President's signature to "start it!" Proceeding to a book store, she bought a new and handsome album, and repaired to the White House, arriving there within twenty minutes from the time she had left. Mr. Pruden, smiling, took the book and repaired to the President to obtain his autograph for the persevering lady. Returning, he gave the book to the lady, who, thanking him, left for her home. Upon arriving there she opened the album and there she found the inscription and found the following: Woman's name—hers but to give away! A man's name; it should not go astray! GROVER CLEVELAND.

It is idle to say that any man get ahead in life. He can if he has the will in him, otherwise he can't. There are times a plenty when the piano, but he has to know how before he can pick them out.

There will be a marked change in the tendency of things, or stylish young ladies will get to wearing their hats so far back that they will have to lift them when they sit down.

The economical country housewives are now airing their hulk mattresses for summer boarders.

Singularly enough, there is a great deal of fire in a hot base ball that comes from a cool pitcher.

WALTZING GIANTS.

Luck of a Prospector Who Met a Dancing Dervish of the Desert.

"Out in Nevada," said Joseph Grandmeyer, a mining man from White Pine, to a New York Sun correspondent, "I have the sublimest dance that any man ever saw. We call it the dance of the giants. Great cylinders of sand, from eight to twenty feet in diameter, and sometimes immensely tall, come careering across the desert with a whirling, waltzing motion that is very graceful. I have often seen them when they must have been two or three miles high, for their tops reached up into the clouds. But often there will be one big column, with a lot of little columns attending it, all waltzing along together. The effect is the strangest thing imaginable. It inspires you with awe, and at the same time fills you with the desire to laugh at the odd performance. And, if the man is superstitious, the weird, fantastic sight can make him feel mighty uncomfortable. They are never seen except in the summer time, and are most frequent in July. They have their beginning in some little, intricate whirlwind, which snatches up a handful of sand while the surrounding air is still, and then they keep on growing and waving on their way westward."

"They are not like the cyclones further east, for they move with very little noise, and, instead of being funnel-shaped, are of the same size from top to bottom. The motion is the same, being both circular and advancing. They draw up into the cylinder fabulous quantities of sand, tons of sage brush, and sometimes good-sized cones of snow, as they go along, and the tall. The very big ones must have waltzed along in their silent majesty over the lonely deserts for a long distance. They must travel the whole distance of the White Pine valley, three hundred and fifty miles, and sometimes they come down through Spring valley from Idaho to the Perennage valley."

"Joe McCann, one of the pioneers of White Pine, solemnly declares that he owes his richest strike to one of these waltzing giants. He was prospecting along through the valley, leading a pack mule laden with his prospecting outfit, when half a dozen sand columns came dancing silently along. Joe tried to dodge one of them, and got right in the way of the biggest one of the whole gang. It picked up him and the mule as though they were feathers and packed them across the valley in the liveliest waltz Joe ever shook a leg in. He got so dizzy that he could not see where he was going, and he had just made up his mind to be smothered in sand and carried to Heaven by this dancing dervish of the desert, when his feet struck solid ground, and after whirling about a few times he fell into the bed of a creek that was almost dry. When he picked himself up there was the mule kicking solemnly and indignantly at a shower of sand that was falling around him. The waltzing column had struck a side hill and collapsed, as they often do, and the upper part of the column was just coming down. Where the foot of the column struck the bed of the creek it had torn up the gravel to a depth of three or four feet and exposed some of the richest pockets of small nuggets that Joe ever saw. He stayed with the claim about two months, and cleaned up nearly thirty tons of material, and got back to the States, and blew in the whole pile at a faro bank in Pioche. Joe has wandered through those Nevada valleys for years since then, but hasn't had the luck to be picked out for a partner by another waltzing giant."

TRACHEOTOMY TUBES.

An Englishman Who Has Worn One for Fully Six Years. A case in which the operation of tracheotomy proved strikingly successful has just come under our notice, says the Pall Mall Gazette. It is that of a man, formerly a soldier, who had the incision into the windpipe made six years ago, and who wears the tracheotomy tube at the present moment. He was a private in the Royal Engineers, and took part in the Egyptian campaign of 1881, being present at Tel-el-Kebir. While in Egypt he drank some bad water, and this induced a blood poisoning, which ultimately took the form of deep-seated abscesses in the neck. He returned from Egypt, arriving in this country some time in October, 1882, and at once became a patient at the Royal Military Hospital, Southampton. The man describes the operation as being a little painful. The previous difficulty in breathing had been so great that if the incision into the windpipe had caused much pain that pain was overwhelmed by the great relief which followed the operation. He remained in the hospital for some months, but finally left quite cured.

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MELVILLE WESTON FULLER.

Illinois Furnishes a Successor to the Lamented Chief Justice Waite.

The new Chief Justice could scarcely have been anything but a lawyer. His father and his father's brothers were lawyers. One of his grandfathers was a lawyer and a Judge of Probate. His mother's brother was a lawyer. His maternal grandfather was Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas of Middle District of Maine; and after the separation of Maine from Massachusetts was appointed one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the State of Maine, and he afterwards became the Chief Justice of that Court. Nature gave Melville Weston Fuller a good start on the road to distinction in his profession.

The choice of Mr. Cleveland for the highest place in his gift was born in Augusta, Maine, on February 11, 1833. He received his collegiate education at Bowdoin, where he was a classmate of Minister Phelps, and was graduated in 1853. Mr. Fuller pursued the study of law at Bangor, and also attended lectures at the law department of Harvard University. In 1855 he began to practice in his native city, but devoted himself chiefly to editorial duties. The following year he was elected a member of the Augusta common council, and was made president of that body. In addition to this he was city solicitor, but he resigned both offices, and went to Chicago. He at once established a lucrative practice, and made a reputation as an able lawyer.

At an early period he took an active part in politics. He worked hard in the Presidential campaign of 1856, supporting the Democratic candidate. Five years later he and "Loug John" Wentworth were elected delegates to the State Constitutional Convention, where his legal abilities came into play, and he rendered a distinct service in the revision of the Constitution. In 1862 Mr. Fuller was sent to the Legislature from a usually Republican stronghold. He has continued to be actively engaged in politics, and was a delegate to the National Conventions for several years, taking part in those held in 1864, 1872, 1876 and 1880. His record in the Legislature was one of efficient service. It was in 1863 that he was at Springfield, Ill., during those stormy days. Among the numerous public addresses which he delivered the one at Michigan city in 1860, in welcoming Stephen A. Douglas, is mentioned as especially noteworthy for its eloquence. He it was, also, who delivered the address a year later when that celebrated statesman died. In the meantime he had been rising in his profession. He was notably connected with some celebrated cases before the State Supreme Court arising out of the prorogation of the Legislature by Governor Yates in that year. In 1869, when Bishop Whitehouse attempted to discipline the now Bishop Cheney before an ecclesiastical tribunal for leaving "regenerate" out of the office of infant baptism, the offender was advised and defended all through the years of tedious litigation by Mr. Fuller, who exhibited a profound research and knowledge of ecclesiastical law. The Reformed Episcopal Church, of Chicago, of which Cheney is Bishop, largely owes its existence to the prosecution thus instituted. Mr. Fuller has often appeared before the Supreme Court of the United States, and his reputation is that of a learned and sound lawyer and a man of very superior cultivation and attainments.

He was married in Chicago in 1858, but soon lost his wife. In 1866 he was married a second time. Mrs. Fuller is a little woman, blonde, with a sympathetic face, a winning manner and a ready tongue. She has five daughters and a little son. The young ladies of the family are remarkable for their cultivation and originality. One of them attracted a great deal of attention two seasons ago in Washington. There is no doubt that they will be belles in the society of the Capital.

In personal appearance Mr. Fuller is unusually handsome; his hair and mustache are silvery and his features clear-cut and intelligent. He is short in stature and of slight build. His membership in the Democratic party has been continuous. While holding advanced views of State rights, he was loyal to the Union cause during the war. He is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and has been prominently identified with that denomination.

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