HAPPENINGS AT WASHINGTON

CREAM OF THE NEWS, CULLED FROM THE DAILY PAPERS.

Which Will be of More or Less Interest to the General Reader.

The closest inquiry fails to disclose any change in the policy of the State Department toward the Turkish question, and in particular respecting the movements of the little dispatch boat, Bancroft. From the first the officials of both the State and Navy departments have been reticent on this subject, and have refused to state where the boat is going, further than to make public the official orders to her commander. These orders directed him to report on arrival at Gibraltar to Admiral Selfridge, commanding the European squadron, and to take all further orders from him. It can be stated positively, however, that no orders have gone forward since the original instructions to Admiral Selfridge, nor or any on the way now touching the future movements of the Bancroft. The vessel upon arriving at Gibraltar was ordered by Admiral Selfridge to proceed to Smyrna, and she is due at that place in a day or two. The Cincinnati is also on the way to the same point. At Smyrna are now assembled the flagship San Francisco, the Minneapolis and the Marblehead. The purpose of the gathering is to meet the Cincinnati and the Bancroft, which bring out drafts of new men to take the place of sailors whose terms of enlistment are about to expire, or if they are kept longer the government must pay them extra compensation. The men relieved are to be placed on the Marblehead, whose place on the station will be taken by the Cincinnati and the Marblehead will come home. Naval officers and others all ridicule the suggestion that the little Bancroft will undertake to force a passage of the Dardanelles, for this would be absolutely impossible singlehanded, as even if she succeeded she would be helpless when she arrived off Constantinople. The probability is that she has been sent to Turkey to serve whatever social purpose she can, whether as a dispatch boat to communicate between the larger vessels of the United States naval squadron or to accommodate Minister Terrell.

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Secretary Malet Prevost, of the Venezuelan Boundary Commission has authorized the following: "The statement that the Commission has come to a decision sustaining the claims of Venezuela in the boundary dispute between that country and Great Britain is entirely without foundation. The Commission is not yet in possession of all the facts necessary to form a definite judgment and will not be until the return of Professor Burr from Europe, about the end of this month. He is to bring with him new and important historical information which must be carefully examined before any decision can be arrived at. Any statement, therefore, to the effect that a decision has been reached are entirely premature."

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The National Association of Democratic Clubs has issue an appeal to all club members to do all within their power to bring out a full Democratic vote on election day. The members are urged to heed the request of Mr. Bryan that the club members remain at the polls all of election day, that each appoint himself a missionary and that so far as possible each furnish a conveyance to bring to the polls Democrats who otherwise would not vote. The association's appeal, success depends in a great degree upon club organizations and that each member do duty as a willing volunteer.

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The United States civil service commission will hold an examination in cities where there are applicants, on Nov. 19, to establish a register of eligibles for the position of fireman. The examination will be of a very light grade. Persons who have an ordinary common school education can easily pass. The commission is in receipt of a requisition from the director of the United States geological survey for the certification of eligibles for filling a vacancy in the position of topographic draftsman, but is unable to comply with the request on account of lack of eligibles.

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Sanitary Inspector Burgess of the Marine Hospital service reports from Havana, Cuba, that there were 1,031 deaths in that city during September, 179 of which were from yellow fever. During the week ending Oct. 1 there were 251 deaths, 43 of which were from yellow fever. Forty of the 43 deaths from yellow fever occurred among the Spanish soldiers in the military hospitals.

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After a somewhat exciting contest between Col. John P. Donahue, of Wilmington, Del., and J. M. Paver of Indianapolis, Ind., the former was elected commander of the Union Veteran Legion, the ballot resulting 201 for Donahue to 174 for Paver. The Legion decided by a unanimous vote to meet in Columbus, Ohio, next year.

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A board of officers, consisting of Col. S. T. Frank, First Artillery; Major George W. Davis, Eleventh Infantry, and Captain John W. Pullman, assistant quartermaster, has been ordered to meet at Fort Monroe, Va., to hear petitions for the revision of the civil assessments at that place. The board will meet at the call of the senior member.

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The Union Veteran Legion began its eleventh annual encampment here Wednesday. A very attractive program has been arranged and a large crowd is expected. The parade is to be reviewed by President Cleveland and the most important business to be transacted is the contest for the election of national officers, there being three candidates to succeed the national commander.

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The first formal meeting of the President and his Cabinet for nearly four months was held at the White House Tuesday. With the exception of Secretary Carlisle, all the members were in attendance. Secretary Morton was in Chicago. The session lasted only an hour and a half and was unengaged by any business of special importance.

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The surgeon-general of the marine hospital service has given notice that on February 3d, 1895, an examination for the position of assistant surgeon will be held in this city.

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The President has denied a pardon to J. B. Harding, alias Sam Hardin, sentenced in Alabama, to two years imprisonment and $200 fine for making counterfeit coin.

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Comptroller Eckels has directed Bank Examiner Garrison to assume charge of the City National Bank of Tyler, Tex., which closed recently. The bank had a capital of $100,000.

ROBBED A TOWN.

A Gang of Desperadoes Loot Perla, Tenn., and Fire the Houses.

A gang of masked men looted the little town of Perla, in Henry county, early Wednesday morning. The citizens were awakened at 4 o'clock by the sound of an explosion and the firing of guns and revolvers. Those residents who were daring enough to leave their houses were warned to return under pain of death. In order to intimidate the people the gang kept up an incessant discharge of their firearms. There were eight men in the party and all were heavily masked. After robbing a number a stores the gang set fire to several buildings and then fled to the country. After the fires had been subdued a posse was formed and started in pursuit of the marauders. The exact amount of money and valuables secured by the gang is not known, but it is estimated that they got away with at least $3,000 in money.

An Ex-Slave Recovers Wages.

At Louisville, Ky., Annie Weir, the ex-slave, who sued her old master, William Weir, for twenty-four years pay at $3 per week, has been given a verdict of $1,650, which is about half the amount she asked for. She had worked for him ever since her emancipation without wages on his agreement to lodge, clothe, and feed her as long as she lived. Upon his second marriage he discharged her.

WEEKLY TRADE REVIEWS.

Gold Commands a Premium—Imports More Than Exports.

Below can be found R. G. Dun & Co. and Bradstreet's weekly trade reviews: Gold commands a small premium. The most powerful force in business at present is a conservative estimate and foreign buyers who have been offering for a small percentage to ensure people against a premium on gold until December, have made an easy and sure profit out of prevalent apprehensions. From Kansas, Nebraska and other States, where the silver agitation is stronger, there are orders by many bankers and business men to get them gold at a small premium and there has also been demand for bullion from individuals in other States who are afraid even of their own best public men.

One commercial feature which, more than any other, ensures better business in the near future, is the decrease of merchandise imports over exports. The heavy movement of grain is the cause alone.

Confidence as to the future makes trouble in some industries, because speculation in some matters has led prices to that demand for the fall keeping pace with checked.

Failures for the week have been 328 in the United States, against 267 last year, and 19 in Canada, against 23 last year.

BRADSTREET'S.

Cotton goods continue unsatisfactory demand. Mills are running on full time, but stocks tend to increase again, and jobbers and other wholesale buyers are slow to pay the advanced prices, having lower priced stocks on hand. Expressions in woolen goods continues marked, the mills running being in part time or on samples. Prices continue the upward tendency of several weeks past, shoes, leather, Southern pig iron, wheat, wheat flour, canned goods, Indian corn, oats, pork, coffee and print cloths being higher, petroleum, lower, and cotton, anthracite coal, lumber, sugar and various finished products of iron and steel unchanged.

The bank clearings total amounts to $901,000,000 this week, 6 per cent. less than last week and 14.6 per cent. less than in the second week of October, 1893.

THROUGH WITH MICHIGAN.

Bryan Closes His Campaign in this State at Detroit.

Saturday morning Bryan addressed 4,000 people at Owasso. When he arose he had a copy of a paper in his hand—the Owasso Press—a gold paper asking him questions. He immediately asked if the editor was present, not hearing any answer, he asked that some one point him out, but he could not be found, and then he told the crowd that the Gold Standard never fought an open fight which brought fourth ringing applause.

In his Saginaw speech Mr. Bryan answered the charges that the Chicago platform is anarchistic and quoted from it.

Bay City and vicinity furnished between 15,000 and 20,000 with the exception of Detroit, the largest, but not by any means the most demonstrative assemblage that has heard the nominee. The crowd of from 8,000 to 10,000 at Saginaw made Mr. Bryan understand by the heartiness of its cheers that he was among friends. It was the earnest Fight, with a gathering of about 5,000, and at Port Huron, where Mr. Bryan tried to make himself heard to about 5,000 people. The other stops were at St. Johns, Ovid, Durand, Vassar, Bad Axe, Sebewaing, Bay City and Mount Clemens. During his tour Bay City and campaigning in this State he traveled 1,000 miles and made about twenty speeches.

THE ENGINEER TO BLAME.

Did Not Read the Train Order Correctly. He is Placed Under Arrest on a Charge of Murder.

At Columbia, S. C., the State Railroad Commission has completed its investigation into the wreck of the mail accident on the Florida Central & Peninsular system, and announced its decision as follows:

"Upon a full and thorough investigation of the circumstances of the accident near Swansea, on the Florida Central & Peninsular, on the morning of the 19th instant, this board is of the opinion that the collision was occasioned by the negligence of the locomotive engineer in not reading and obeying the train order with the train dispatcher, and the death of several persons was caused by the negligence of the engineer in not reading the train order correctly.

"The board further finds that it is its duty to report the facts to the proper authorities, and make an affidavit before a magistrate that the engineer has been guilty of manslaughter, and have Mr. Flint arrested and held to answer and bound over for the action of the grand jury of the county in which the offense was committed, and that he be prosecuted in the proper terms of court in the county where the offense was committed, and that he be held in custody pending the action of the grand jury, and that the board file the charge herein with the clerk of the court of Richland county, Ohio, where the offense was committed, and that the board be discharged from further duty in the premises, awaiting the action of the authorities to whom it is referred."

ALFGELD IN NEW YORK.

The Governor of Illinois Speaks to a Monster Audience.

Saturday in New York, at Cooper Union, John P. Altgeld, Governor of Illinois, addressed at least 10,000 persons. The meeting was held under the auspices of the German American Democratic Association of the Greater city. The hall was decorated with American flags, and when the speaker made his appearance the vast audience arose as one man, waved flags and cheered for several minutes.

Congressman Sulzer made a brief speech, which was followed by Governor Altgeld. The Governor was introduced as "the man who dares to be President of the United States." He said in part:

"Governor Altgeld's reception, was the most enthusiastic I have seen since the campaign began. I have seen Democrats in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, and I have seen Democrats in Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado, and I have seen Democrats in Pennsylvania, and I have seen Democrats in Maryland, and I have seen Democrats in Virginia, and I have seen Democrats in Alabama, and I have seen Democrats in Georgia, and I have seen Democrats in Mississippi, and I have seen Democrats in Louisiana, and I have seen Democrats in Texas, and I have seen Democrats in Arkansas, and I have seen Democrats in Tennessee, and I have seen Democrats in Kentucky, and I have seen Democrats in Indiana, and I have seen Democrats in Illinois, and I have seen Democrats in Nebraska, and I have seen Democrats in Kansas, and I have seen Democrats in