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STATE OF MAINE.

Proclamation by the Governor.

In accordance with the sacred and beautiful custom, fitting in itself and endeared to the people of New England, by an unbroken observance of more than two centuries, to hereby, in the aid and consent of the Executive Council appoint

THURSDAY, THE 19th DAY OF APRIL NEXT.

as a day of fasting and prayer. And I do recommend to the citizens of the State that they be observed throughout its borders in a manner becoming an enlightened and Christian people; that on that day in the homes and in the schools, and in the churches, they should unite in acknowledging the power, the unspoke goodness and loving-kindness of Him who is the God and Father of all the individuals; that they confess the sins of the past and consecrate their future to the Heavenly Father, "the giver of every good and perfect gift and whose mercies endure forever."

Given at the Council Chamber at Augusta, this thirtieth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and twentieth.

SEBASTIAN S. MARBLE.

BY THE GOVERNOR.

OLIMAS DALSMITH, Secretary of State.

The Hon. John L. Redman seems to be the favorite of the Democracy for governor, provided Co. Edwards doesn't want a renomination. Mr. Redman has the great qualification which most of the Democrats lack,--he would accept if nominated.

The Boston Globe is making some progress in its study of Maine politics. It has found out the names of the Republican candidates for governor, but it is still ignorant in regard to their comparative standing. It learns by and by that at the head of the list stands the Hon. Henry B. Clives of Portland.

The Portland correspondent of the Boston Globe reports that the Hon. William H. Clifford will not allow himself to be nominated as Democratic candidate for governor. He prefers to be defeated by Congress rather than for governor, yet, we don't know. Perhaps because he has got used to it.

The story that Claus Spreckels had made a trade with the Canadian Pacific road, whereby he gets such low rates on his sugar that he can send it to eastern markets and compete with refiners here, is denied by Vice President Van Horn of that company, who says the story was invented simply to injure his road with the Inter-State Commerce Commission.

A correspondent of the Lewiston Journal undertakes to state what the disposition of the Republicans of Cumberland County is with regard to delegates at large to the National Republican convention. The Republicans of Cumberland have had no opportunity to express themselves on this subject, unless the correspondent has been round and "interviewed" the majority of them which is probably not the case. Therefore statements of their disposition are, at best, a little. They may be disposed to concede the delegate to York County, but they have made known no such disposition as yet.

The Hon. W. B. Clifford's effort to send himself as delegate-at-large to the St. Louis Convention, is making trouble among his brethren. The Eastern Democracy declare that Mr. Clifford ought to be satisfied with what he has got already, and a good many western Democrats agree with them. Mr. Clifford's plan is, according to the Boston Globe's Bangor correspondent, to get himself elected delegate-at-large, then head the delegation, and fire off a three hours speech before the St. Louis Convention. This is said to be already in preparation, and Mr. Clifford intends to make it the "great effort of his life." "It will include" (we quote the language of the correspondent) "all the points ever presented by him in his speeches." It is to be hoped that Mr. Clifford will get the opportunity desired. We should like to see all the points Mr. Clifford has ever made put together in one speech, and note how they compare.

Secretary of War Endicott and President Cleveland have united in publicly reprimanding Brigadier General John Gibbon, because the latter has given an interpretation to one of the articles of war that Secretary Endicott regards as contrary to the rulings of the War Department. General Gibbon is the old commander of the "Iron Brigade" that used to be heard of in the days of Gettysburg. He was severely reprimanded when commanding the Second Army Corps on that famous later. Later he led the Twenty-Fourth Army Corps at the final assaults on Petersburg. He was also one of the commissioners to carry into effect the stipulations of Lee's surrender. But it appears that the man who served with such distinction when Abraham Lincoln and Edwin M. Stanton were in the army has been found so deficient in military knowledge under Grover Cleveland and W. C. Endicott as to receive a public reprimand at their hands.

What the New York Tribune very appropriately calls the "dark lantern" tariff bill has the right of way in the House tomorrow. Mr. Mills, if he is well enough, will report the bill and explain it to the House. The debate will then be fairly open. When it will close it would be useless to predict, for a majority of the members of the House are already down for speeches, and the remainder will probably be moved to say something before the debate is through. It is not probable that this outburst of eloquence will have much effect upon the House, for the measure has been made by a Democratic party measure, and, therefore, most of them will swallow it, whether they like it or not. Mr. Randall will oppose it, but the threats and promises of the administration have so weakened his support that he will probably stand almost alone among the Democrats. The chances are, therefore, that the bill will get through the House substantially in its present form. But the debate will have the good effect of exposing to the country the character of the bill, its partiality to the industries of Democratic States, its uncertainty as regards the reduction of the surplus, and its destructiveness to some of the most important industries of the North.

Mr. Dunn, by taking advantage of the absence of a member, has managed to get a favorable report from the committee on his freaship bill. Dunn is from Arkansas and very likely never saw a ship in his life, yet he knows, or thinks he does, how to revive American shipping. His plan would kill shipbuilding entirely in this country. That is certain. But it is by no means certain that it would place any considerable portion of the carrying trade in American hands. In order to compete with England we must not only be able to get our ships as cheap, but to run them as fast. The Dunn bill takes care of the first part, but it does not the second. Another disadvantage we are under, in competing with England, is this: England subsidizes her steamship lines, thus making it possible to establish lines where, if there were no subsidies but the business it would be impossible to establish them. But the American Congress steadily refuses to adopt this policy. It even refuses to pay compensation for carrying the mails. Mr. Dunn's bill therefore would fail far short of a panacea for our vanishing carrying trade. It would be practically useless for any other purpose than to extinguish what little there is left of our shipbuilding industry.

The Montreal Witness has lately made an investigation of the attendance upon church by Catholics and Protestants similar to the inquiry lately made in Lewiston in this State. The list of churches in Montreal includes thirty-one Catholic churches with a seating capacity of 20,000; twenty Protestant churches with a seating capacity of 11,120; thirteen Episcopal churches seating 8,640; twelve Methodist churches seating 5,625; three Baptist churches seating 1,000; three Congregational churches seating 1,200; the Salvation Army barracks with room for 3,800; and six churches occupied by the reformed Episcopalians, Unitarians, Swedenborgians, Brethren, Advents and Lutherans.

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75 doz. of Buttons marked from 50c to 10c per doz.

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Loomer's Elastic Cut-a-way Hip Corsets at 75c

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