

Resolved, Further, That we recommend to the several legislatures that they authorize local taxation for the purpose of systematized efforts in the way of ditching, burning, etc., as the local authorities may deem necessary or desirable.

We further invoke our legislatures to adopt such practical measures as have proved efficacious, and such as further experience may suggest, including the repeal of existing game laws, or such modification of them as will prevent the destruction of birds which feed upon the insects; the prevention of prairie fires until a suitable time for the destruction of the young grasshoppers by firing the grass; the encouragement of tree culture for promoting moisture and harboring birds, and such other means as may promote the great end desired.

Resolved, Further, That in view of the danger that threatens, it is further advisable that, as far as possible, a survey be made of each State during the coming winter, to ascertain just those portions of each county in which the eggs are most thickly laid, in order to indicate to the county and State authorities the amount of the preparatory work to be done to prevent the threatened injury, and also in order to more thoroughly organize every portion of each State on some plan of securing the intelligent co-operation of farmers and others.

We also recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Governors of each State and Territory be advised to appoint a commission of one or more competent persons whose duties shall be to visit the counties and towns of each State and report the facts and observations to the Governors, and also to organize each county and precinct in such manner as may be deemed expedient, and also to appoint in said counties and precincts suitable persons to receive and distribute such documents and pamphlets containing general information and means of defense as will be provided by this conference, and to report such organizations and names of committees to the respective Governors.

For the solution of the second question, it is the evident duty of the government to make the proper investigation. We have looked in vain for this aid from our Department of Agriculture, and are satisfied that under its present management such aid, or any thorough investigations, are not to be expected. We therefore recommend the following:

Resolved, That we deem it the duty of the national government to make some effort to destroy or counteract this great pest, and thus prevent its injuries.

Resolved, That we believe the first step in this matter should be a thorough investigation of the history and habits of this insect in its native haunts as well as in the sections visited by it; also all possible means of its extermination, and remedial agents which may be used against it.

Resolved, That we believe this can be accomplished in the shortest time, at the least expense, and most effectually, by attaching a special commissioner for this purpose to one of the government surveys sent out annually to the west; and, therefore, we suggest that the following be added to that clause of the Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill, making an appropriation for the geological and geographical survey of the Territories: "And also the further sum of twenty-five thousand dollars for the purpose of paying the salaries and expenses of a commission to consist of three entomologists and two western men who have had experience with the locusts, to be appointed by the chief of said survey with the consent and approval of the Secretary of the Interior. It shall be the duty of said commissioners to examine into the history and habits of the said locust, and make report thereon, and also suggest such means of destroying them or remedies against them as their investigations shall prove most practicable."

Resolved, That it is our belief that the Signal Service might materially aid such a commission as here demanded, in performing the work, by regular observations made of the time, direction, extent of flights, time of hatching and leaving of the young locusts, etc.; also, by announcing in the daily weather reports the appearance and progress of the swarms; and we ask of Congress to grant to Gen. Meyer such

additional assistance and means as will enable him to carry out this work.

Resolved, That the President of the Conference be requested to draw up and present, to the President of the United States, a letter setting forth the urgent necessity for some action on the part of the general government in behalf of the sections ravaged, in reference to the invasions of and destruction occasioned by the grasshoppers.

Resolved, That each of the Governors of the following States and Territories, to-wit, Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Colorado, Wyoming, Dakota, and Idaho, be requested to transmit to their respective delegations a record of these proceedings, requesting them to urge upon Congress speedy action in this matter in accordance with the recommendations of this conference.

Gov. Osborne offered the following amendment, which was adopted—

"We have no certainty that any particular State or county will be permanently afflicted by, or that any State or Territory will be always exempt from, the ravages of locusts."

Finally the whole report was adopted with slight verbal amendment.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

—Dr. Deems, of New York, does not forget newspaper reporters in his prayers. On a recent Sunday he prayed that they might have a love for truth.

—The London *Examiner* says that only three European languages have brought forth any notable crop of sonnets; the Italian first, the French next and the English last.

—Jane Grey Swisshelm writes from Leipsic, "The double floors, which are universal here, ought to be so with us, for the space between is filled with ashes, so, with thick partition walls, it is next to impossible to burn a house down. I am told they have no fire-engines in Germany, and do not fight fire with water, but with ashes, clay, sand, old mats, and axes. There has not been a fire alarm in Leipsic since we came to it, which was the 27th of last April."

—They had a fright in Dublin recently. The main waterpipe burst. All that relays of men had done to repair it in a week was destroyed by a sudden flood. Gangs of men were working by torchlight for several days, there being only three days' supply for the city in the Stillorgan reservoir.

—Battle Creek, Mich., rejoices over an order from Jerusalem for some machinery.

—Circuit Judge Williams has had the mayor and city council of Pine Bluff, Ark., arrested for contempt.

—In the south, cotton gins are suffering from spontaneous combustion, incendiarism, carelessness, and probably an excess of politics.

—Paris sends engineers to examine the system and working of underground railways in London.

—The Omaha *Herald* of Nov. 1 says, "Col. Manypenny, says, with the reserve becoming his official position, that the military, in his opinion, made a grave mistake in disarming Red Cloud and other peaceable Indians. He fears it will cause serious trouble with our border settlements. This is our own view. A more perfidious or damnable transaction was never perpetrated in our history than was this outrage upon the eminent Indian who overruled Spotted Tail in the recent negotiations, and who has stood like a rock since the treaty of 1868, for peace between his people and our people."

—Prof. Loomis concludes, after comparing 500 cases, that storms move at the rate of twenty-six miles an hour on land in this country and a little over nineteen miles over the ocean. So that an express train or a first-class steamship could easily keep ahead of a common storm.

—The Rev. Dr. Hamblin says, "There is tenfold more polygamy and tenfold more unbridled sensuality in England than in Turkey."

—English experiments with dynamite, by dropping heavy

weights and discharging gunpowder, show that no concussion, however violent, will explode it.

—The heirs of William Penn now receive from the British Government, and are to receive "forever," \$20,000 a year, in compensation for their proprietary rights to Pennsylvania, and the British Government thinks as the United States owns the rights in Pennsylvania the United States Government ought to pay the pension to Penn's heirs.

—The Empress Eugenie has instituted legal proceedings against the Radical journal *Les Droits de l'Homme* for the publication of an alleged document stating that she was not of legitimate birth.

—Mr. Chalkley Virtue has been arrested in Philadelphia for misrepresenting a load of hay. When virtue descends to vice, the times are bad indeed.

—A physician in Jacksonville, Ga., stabbed an antagonist in a fight with knives, and then saved his life by dressing the wound.

By Telegraph.

AMERICAN.

NEW ORLEANS, 6.—A special to the *Picayune* from Vicksburg says a sheriff's posse, sent from Fayette yesterday to arrest a negro for shooting another, were fired into by negroes from an ambush, and two of the posse were mortally wounded. The sheriff's posse were unarmed. A detachment of troops sent from this city yesterday to Delta, La.

A special to the *Democrat* from Bayou Sara says Captain Thomas C. West, democratic candidate for sheriff, was ambushed and shot yesterday. He died this morning.

A dispatch from Monroe, La., says a large body of armed negroes entered that city on Sunday night, secreted their arms and remained there. To-day the mayor issued a proclamation commanding them to take their arms and return to their homes. They were about to comply, when Howlett, the negro sheriff, collected about 300 negroes in the city limits, and advised them not to obey the mayor's proclamation. The negroes took the sheriff's advice and concluded to remain. They say they will have another company join them to-night.

A special to the *Republican*, from Monroe, La., says that colored people coming here to vote are stopped by armed men and their registration papers taken from them. The State supervisor of registration has been instructed to issue duplicates.

RICHMOND, 6.—The following order has been received by district Attorney Lewis:

"Executive Mansion, Washington, 4, 1876.

"To L. L. Lewis, Esq., U. S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia.

"Sir—Whereas, I have reason to believe that offences are likely to be committed within the above named judicial district against the provisions of chapter seven, title 'Crimes,' of the Revised Statutes of the United States, you are therefore hereby requested and directed to attend at Petersburg on the 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th days of November current, for the purpose mentioned in section 1,987 of said Revised Statutes.

(Signed) "U. S. GRANT."

Judge Hughes, of the United States District Court, has also received a copy of the same order in relation to Petersburg matters.

CINCINNATI, O., 6.—Micah T. Bailey, one of the oldest provision brokers in this city, died this afternoon soon after dinner, from a dose of cyanite of potash, which had been substituted for prussiate of potassium by a druggist preparing the prescription. He was 72 years of age and father of Davis H. Bailey, the present United States Consul at Hong Kong.

WASHINGTON, 6.—In the matter of the application of Mrs. Belva A. Lockwood, for admission to practice as attorney and counsellor of the Supreme Court, the chief justice announced, as the decision of the Court, that none but men are admitted to practice before it as attorneys and counsellors.

MILWAUKEE, 6.—Hon. Mat. H. Carpenter, to-day, while stepping in his carriage to go to Racine to fill an engagement to speak, slipped on the snow and fell backward, the back of his head striking on a sharp

curb. An artery was ruptured by the concussion, but it is not necessarily dangerous.

RALEIGH, N.C., 6.—A democratic procession was attacked by negroes to-night. The police interfered and were also assailed. Two policemen were badly injured and several whites hurt before order was restored.

CHICAGO, 7.—A committee of twelve citizens yesterday presented a petition of 8,000 business men in Chicago, asking Judge McAllister to resign on account of his conduct in the recent Sullivan-Danford murder trial. After the chairman had

made his address and presenting it, the Judge remarked, "Leave it with the clerk, it is a matter to go on file. I have nothing to say," and dismissed the matter. It is not expected here that he will comply with the request.

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