

Wednesday next, the 29th inst. The People's party convention will assemble in Omaha on Monday, the 4th of July. But public attention is not exercised over these latter parties or their candidates.

The next electoral college will consist of 444 members, 223 of whom are required to elect a President. If by reason of complications arising from this third party movement, Cleveland should get, say 211 electors and Harrison 213, while the People's man should get 20, then the election would be thrown into the House of Representatives, which, as it has done on two occasions already, would be called on to choose the President and Vice-President.

THAT RUSSIAN AFFAIR.

AN editorial article in yesterday's News on the tyranny of the Czar recounted one of his latest exploits, or perhaps we ought to say one of the exploits for which he was directly responsible though not committed by him individually. This was the expulsion from Russian territory of Mr. Poultney Bigelow, the American tourist and litterateur, and we learn from the New York World that the circumstance is to be made the subject of diplomatic correspondence between this country and that of the European autocrat.

Not only was Mr. Bigelow made the object of the ruler's wrath, but Mr. Frederick Remington, who accompanied him, as well. According to the paper named, the two men were on a literary and artistic errand, the former intending to write articles for Harper's publications, the latter to illustrate them. They were to have made a canal voyage from Russia to Germany, and the artist, if not the writer, had exceptional passports from the State department at Washington.

"They have been driven out and their canoes seized," says the World. "The question involved is whether this is a breach of international comity. There are hardly enough facts known about the matter to judge just how far the great American nation has been insulted by this free and breezy treatment of her venturesome young citizens. It is certain that if they had gone over as simple travelers Mr. Bigelow's hostile attitude towards the Czar and his government might have been overlooked, but if Bigelow went to make further literary war on Russia, and emphasized his offense by taking Remington along to make pictures of Russian soldiers, the question is quite different."

The sarcasm herein contained, while provocative of humorous thoughts, does not detract much from the seriousness of the case when properly considered. Had the young men so depicted themselves as to be properly classified among those regarded as suspects, or even made use of insulting language or actions towards the Czar or his government, it would have been a vastly different thing; but to forcibly expel citizens of a friendly power which has lately manifested its friendliness as well as humane feelings by feeding the despot's starving subjects, when the visitors were bent upon the acquirement only of such information as appeared upon the surface

of things, was a little too much. The action which our government shall take in the premises will be looked for with considerable interest.

WEBER STAKE ACADEMY.

On Saturday, at 2 p.m., the spacious lecture hall of the Weber Stake Academy was filled to overflowing on the occasion of the closing exercises of the academic department. The room was appropriately decorated.

The exercises consisted of songs and choruses, declamations, essays and speeches. All the selections were exceedingly well rendered. The chief feature of the day was the principal's report and, to the surprise of all, the board accepted his resignation.

The following is the report and resolutions of respect of the board:

WEBER STAKE ACADEMY,
Ogden, June 24, '92.

To the President and members of the Board of Directors of the Weber Stake Academy:

Dear Brethren—Again, after an elapse of over two years, I have the pleasure of submitting to your honorable body a report of the school work done at our new Academy building during a portion of the present school year.

As you are aware, our Academy first opened its doors to the admission of students on Jan. 8th, 1889, in the Second ward meeting house, where it held two sessions with an excellent attendance. In the same school year it resumed its work, and in a short time the building was too small and the accommodations too meagre as well as too inconvenient to meet the demands of the many students who desired to attend the institution. New quarters were provided, but unlooked for obstacles here also presented themselves, and ere we were fairly under way, we were compelled by force of circumstances to suspend operations again.

A year and seven months intervened before we had the pleasure of opening the doors of our Academy again, and this time to the joy of our students in the new Weber Stake Academy. Only a portion of the building was in a suitable condition for occupancy, and in consequence of the lateness of the season, many having gone to other schools, it was thought by the board that this would be sufficient for all who might desire to attend. But to the surprise of all, this portion of the building was in less than two weeks filled to its utmost capacity, and the board were necessitated to make immediate arrangements for the entire completion of the structure.

The chief difficulty which confronted us now, was the large number of students, 200 having been enrolled the first week and only two teachers to instruct them, and this at a time of the year when active available talent could not be obtained. However, through the energy and perseverance of the board this difficulty was finally overcome, and an active, intelligent faculty employed; still it was experimental work for some time in consequence of the many changes, and nearly the entire term was consumed before

we found ourselves settled down to active work.

Following are the statistics: Total number enrolled, 301; males, 183; females, 118.

Places of residence: Ogden, 231; Uintah, 1; Mound Fort, 4; Lynne, 4; Harrisville, 6; Far West, 5; North Ogden, 4; Plain City, 3; West Weber, 5; Wilson's Lane, 3; Taylorsville, 2; Riverdale, 2; Eden, 8; Marriots, 2; Kanesville, 1; Box Elder Co., 1; Summit Co., 1; Morgan Co., 5; Idaho, 2; Montana, 3.

This I am informed is the second largest attendance of the Church school, which I think speaks exceedingly well for us, realizing the short time we have been in session.

Faculty: Males, 5; females, 2.

Daily recitations: In academic department, A and B, 20; in intermediate department, 10; in preparatory department, 20; total daily, 50.

Theology: Priesthood meetings held, 14; fast meetings, 6, on which occasions 40 on an average bore testimony and a large number fasted. On the prayer list 141 had voluntarily given in their names.

It is with no small degree of satisfaction that I make mention of this department. It was a common thing for students to testify in these weekly, fast and priesthood meetings that of all studies theology had been the most interesting to them, and that their was a hallowed influence of purity and tenderest feelings of friendship between pupils as well as between pupils and teachers, that they had ever experienced before in any school; and nothing perhaps bears any stronger testimony to this, than the fact that in the spring term forty-two students were enrolled in the advanced academic class, and almost this entire number held out to the end.

This has been the spirit and work of our institution during the past school year, and which I now cheerfully submit to your honorable body with a desire that you may accept the same, and also with it my resignation as principal of the Weber Stake Academy. In so doing I must give my principal excuse as failing health.

Twenty-five years ago I was called to the schoolroom by the Prophet of God, President Young. I labored under his fatherly guidance until his death, receiving his sincere approbation of my work but three months before that sad event. I had the pleasure also of enjoying the full confidence of President Taylor during his administration, being called upon on several occasions to represent him as Superintendent of District Schools. Three years ago I received the counsel of Presidents Woodruff and Cannon to leave the schoolroom because, as I was informed, it was destroying my health. Of this counsel I was again and again forcibly reminded this winter when dragging my sick and emaciated body to the institution in which my spirit loved to dwell, but in which also, like Paul of old, the flesh proved too weak for the trying ordeal.

These circumstances indicated by President Woodruff have now in my mind presented themselves. I bid you, therefore, my dearly beloved students, a tender and affectionate farewell. I have spent many a happy hour with you, and the hallowed thoughts that