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SAN FRANCISCO, 12.—The directors of the Bank of California today, have decided to reduce the rates of interest, fixing the minimum at nine per cent., and leaving details to the discretion of the officers. It is believed that other banks will follow suit.

The clerk of Monterey county fourth congressional district has forwarded to the Secretary of State a new set of election returns made out in conformity with the original erroneous footings of the supervisors, which the clerk has had corrected in his first returns. The new returns give Wigginton, democrat, one majority in the district. Last night writs were served on the Secretary of State, at the instance of Pacheco, the republican candidate, prohibiting him from counting any other than the first returns, and directing him to count and certify the vote in accordance with the first returns.

HONG KONG, Nov. 17, Shanghai, Nov. 17.—The American bark *Col. Whitmore*, now lying in the harbor of Hong Kong, is watched by the United States ship *Kearsage*. Great excitement prevails because Capt. Peabody, first mate Snow, and second mate Stafford, of the *Whitmore*, cannot be held to answer for their alleged crimes, in consequence of the abrogation of the extradition treaty between England and America.

The evidence appears conclusive that they practiced unpreceded cruelties on the crew during the present voyage from Cardiff, and tortured another mate, Elwood, to death. At an indignation meeting of the citizens a resolution was passed requesting the Governor of Hong Kong to telegraph for permission to surrender the accused to the United States authorities. It is supposed that if the *Whitmore* attempts to escape the *Kearsage* will follow and secure her in some port where no technical difficulty will interfere.

The Chinese envoy to England received final orders to sail for his post within a few weeks.

The British consular service in China is to be redistributed next year.

The names of the Chinese representatives in America have been published, apparently by authority: Chief Chan Lau Pan, salary twelve thousand taels; assistant, Yung Wing, eight thousand taels; first secretary, Wong Shing, three thousand six hundred taels. Consuls are to be sent to San Francisco and Peru, at four thousand taels each.

Renewed conflicts between the Chinese troops and aborigines of Formosa have taken place, in which the latter, as usual, were victorious.

Yokohama, Nov. 22.—The visit of the Mikado to Kioto, the former capital, is announced to take place in January next. The empress is now on an overland journey to the same place.

The rate of postage to open ports in Corea is fixed the same as for the interior of Japan.

The Korean government have applied for Japanese surgeons trained in the foreign methods of practice.

Farming operations on the Bonin Islands are to begin next year by order of the government.

The exportation of Japanese spirits to China has commenced.

The Mikado has sent one of his own physicians to attend the wounded Imperialists in the late insurrection.

A large quantity of rice is ready for shipment to England.

NEW YORK, 13.—Joshua T. Bailey, formerly Collector of Internal Revenue in this city, who absconded a defaulter in 1869, has refunded the entire amount hitherto unaccounted for, and received the full pardon of the President. He was then living in New York and for six weeks was secluded. Bailey makes a long statement in the *Tribune*, in which he declares that his flight was unpremeditated, but forced by circumstances over which he had no control.

The *Herald's* Columbia special says it is anticipated that the democratic Senators will withdraw tomorrow, and form at least a quorum of the Senate by the admission of three contestants and the secession of one or two republicans, who will come with them. The result of this will be the immediate inauguration of Hampton as Governor, the election of a United States Senator, and the establishment of an entire

separate State government. Speaker Wallace, of the Democratic House, issued pay certificates for \$100 to each of the members of the body, which were all promptly cashed by the Carolina National Bank. The whole amount paid was \$7,100. This had a depressing effect upon the negro members of the Mackey House, who have no prospect of getting their pay, and is an assurance that the Hampton government will be sustained by the money power and property holders of the State.

The *World's* Cincinnati special says Hayes is reported to have said, to-day, "I have examined the situation carefully and thoroughly, and besides have solicited and obtained the opinions of the best constitutional lawyers of the country, and I am now satisfied that I have been honestly elected President of the United States, and am entitled to the office, and fully expect to be inaugurated as such."

Col. Wooley, of this city, returned from Florida to-day, and gives as the result of his observations that the Southern democrats are very determined, and only wait for the leadership of their brethren of the North to make a most desperate resistance within the limits of the law against the verdict of the returning board in determining the choice of President.

Cooper, being interviewed by a *Herald* reporter, said he thought Tilden was elected.

The *Herald's* Washington special condemns Randall for his position on the 22d joint rule. It also condemns Blair's silver bill, and thinks it would have been only decent to await the silver commissioners' report before passing this measure. The Senate will reject, and if not, the President will veto it.

The *Tribune's* editorial says our theatre managers are displaying a commendable enterprise in beginning at once on the work of making more ample means of exit from their buildings. The safety of exit is likely to determine the question of entrance with the public for some time to come.

A still and three tubs, with a capacity of over one thousand gallons each, have been seized in the centre of the block, between 11th and 12th Streets. The property is valued at \$45,000.

At a meeting of the directors of the Western Union Telegraph Co., to-day, Gen. Anson Stager, general superintendent of the Central Division at Chicago, was elected vice president. A dividend of one and a half per cent was declared from the earnings of the three months ending Dec. 31.

ST. LOUIS, 13.—The steamer *Centennial*, which was involved in yesterday's crash by the ice, sunk this morning. She is said to have cost \$125,000. She had never made a trip.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., 13.—The democratic State central committee met here, to-day, pursuant to the request of the democratic electors, to consider the political situation. Quite a number of prominent politicians, including Hendricks and the State officers, were present, besides representatives from all the congressional districts.

Ex-Congressman Julian, of the Louisiana visiting committee, gave the opinion that the Louisiana election was as quiet and peaceable as that in Indiana, and that Tilden carried the State overwhelmingly. He hoped the democracy would have pluck to stand up for their rights and meet the crisis. He was satisfied we shall have no war.

Governor Hendricks was called for, but the chairman reminded the audience of the impropriety of his speaking. The districts then reported feeling as follows:

First district—The people believed Tilden legally elected, and were disposed to see him through.

Second district—The people favored the inauguration of Tilden and Hendricks.

Third district—But little excitement among the people, but they were convinced of Tilden's election, and were willing to follow their leaders.

Fourth district—The people requested the State committee to demand the inauguration of Tilden, and favored a State convention and were willing to meet the emergency let it do what it might.

Sixth district—Our people favor seeing our man duly installed in office.

Eighth district—The people are willing for a peaceable solution of this question, provided it results in the inauguration of Tilden.

Ninth district—Great excitement

among the people, and some inclined to go to extremes, but did not believe we ought to talk about war; did not think the minority of the United States would insist on inaugurating a President. There was certainly some way for a peaceable settlement. The people can not afford a civil war. Right is right, and the great and honest republican party would see that right is carried out.

Tenth district—The people believed that Tilden should be inaugurated, and deprecated war talk, although some of the working classes were strongly inclined to belligerency.

Eleventh district—There was a certain element decidedly for war, but was looking to the action of this meeting, and particularly wanted a State convention to decide the plan to be pursued. The feeling was that we must have our rights, peaceably if we could, forcibly if necessary.

Twelfth district—We are determined that Tilden shall not be counted out. Submission now means submission for all time.

Thirteenth district—We are expecting this convention to take initial steps to securing the inauguration of Tilden.

A resolution was then adopted calling a convention of the people, regardless of past political opinion, at each county seat, on December 23d, to select and instruct delegates to assemble in State convention at Indianapolis, Jan. 8th, to consider public affairs and take such action as will secure the full execution of the constitution and laws.

A committee was appointed to prepare an address to the people, and a recess was taken until three o'clock.

The day for the State convention is the inauguration day of Governor elect Williams.

NEW YORK, 13.—The case of the Emma Silver Mining Co., limited, of London, vs. Trenor W. Park, Henry H. Baxter and Wm. M. Stewart, to recover \$5,000,000, was up for trial this afternoon before Judge Wallace in the United States Circuit Court. Plaintiff is a corporation created in Nov., 1871, and is now existing under the laws of Great Britain. On Feb. 13, 1871, Jas. F. Day, Jesse Smith, Warren Hussey, Francis D. Cliff, Joseph R. Walker, M. H. Walker, Saml. S. Walker, David F. Chisholm, Robt. B. Chisholm, M. M. Cunningham and John Cunningham, claimed that they owned the Emma Mine, Utah. On the same day Trenor W. Park purchased half interest in the property. Plaintiffs believe that Baxter and Stewart were interested with Park, and that the nominal price Park was to pay for a half interest was \$750,000, but that only \$375,000 was paid; that at the time Park and his associates became interested in the mine it was almost worked out; the ore then remaining in the mine did not exceed in value \$250,000. The defendants organized in April, under the laws of the State of New York, the Emma Silver Mining Co., with a nominal capital of \$5,000,000, divided into \$50,000 shares, and distributed among the defendants and original owners; they then put men to work at the mine, and in September went to London to sell the mine. They procured the services of Albert Grant, and sold the mine to plaintiffs for £1,000,000 sterling, or about \$5,000,000 in United States money. Plaintiff's charge that Prof. Benj. Silliman, of New Haven, Conn., made a false report of the condition of the mine, he being bribed by the defendants. They also claim that the mine and its effects were not worth more than \$750,000. The case will probably occupy the attention of the court for weeks.

It has transpired that two weeks ago the Third National Bank paid a forged check for \$25,000, purporting to be drawn by Winslow, Lanier & Co. It is believed that the check was obtained by means of a draft on the firm for a small amount, made by a member of a gang operating in every large city in the country; the *fac simile* of the check was struck off and an expert forged the signature.

CHICAGO, 13.—At a Moody prayer meeting, to-day, a remarkable scene occurred. Moody read a long and elegantly composed letter from one who announced at the opening that she was a prostitute. She expostulated with the evangelist for not speaking some good word for lost women, while devoting himself to wicked men. The audience was deeply moved and many were in tears. Moody announced that a meeting for this class of women

would be held to-morrow (Thursday) night, at the tabernacle. Over ten thousand people were in and around the tabernacle, to-night, this being the last week of Moody's labor here. The attendance increases every night.

The *Times'* Dayton, Ohio, special says, Gov. Hayes, in company with Col. R. B. Anderson, arrived here this afternoon. His arrival being unannounced, there was no crowd at the depot. He looked in excellent health. At seven o'clock 155 guns were fired in his honor. About a thousand persons marched in procession, headed by a band, to serenade the distinguished guest. Some four thousand persons were in the vicinity, when he said:

"My Friends—I will not detain you longer than five minutes. I am here on a short visit to your beautiful city of Dayton, not on any of the political questions of this remarkable canvass that has just closed. I understand these greetings here to-night are not so much in honor of myself as on account of the peculiar interest that is felt in the present condition of the country. In the excitement that has pervaded the country before and since the election, people of ardent temperament have said and done things that are indiscreet, but as the excitement subsides we begin to return to our better wisdom and judgment. I have too much faith in the common sense of the American people to think they desire to see in their country a Mexicanized government. Whatever may be the result at which the lawful authorities shall arrive, you and I will quietly submit, and I have sufficient respect and confidence in the great majority of the opposition party to believe that they will do the same. I was glad to see in a paper this evening an article from the London *Times* respecting the condition of this country. Such a state of affairs, it said, could not occur anywhere else in the world. The entire area of this country was agitated by an uncertain political struggle, yet not one shot was fired; not one man killed; no breakers of peace. We have, in this centennial year, the wonders of our growth displayed in the exhibition of agricultural and mechanical arts, and we now are afforded an opportunity of giving the world an example of the value of a republican government. In speaking to you this evening, I have referred, without previous thought, to what must have occurred to every one of us standing here, and I take my leave of you with the most sincere acknowledgment of your expression of friendship and good faith."

The *Times* Columbia special says the congressional committee made a startling discovery, to-day, that the canvassing board had entirely omitted the counting of thirty boxes, every one of which was in strong democratic districts. Hayne, the colored Secretary of State, was unable to explain why these were not counted. The Bond-Chamberlain ring have hampered the committee at every step; documents have been withheld and several witnesses removed by train. They are confident of being able to establish the fact of the election of the Tilden electors of this State. The evidence, to-day, showed that Hayne had been guilty of the worst sort of conduct, causing the clerk to enter fraudulent returns, etc.

NEW ORLEANS, 13.—Gov. Wells was before the Congressional committee, to-day, but declined answering any questions, and denying the authority of the commission to interrogate on returning board matters. He said if the committee would employ eight clerks in addition to the clerical force of the board all the papers could be copied and with them the committee would have all the information as to the votes cast in the State, and the evidence which prompted the action of the board. Other members of the board were notified that they would be examined hereafter.

ST. LOUIS, 13.—Later accounts from the scene of the ice gorge indicate that the damage is less serious than reported last night. The *Lake Superior* is but slightly damaged; the *Savannah* is still afloat, but only kept from sinking by constant pumping; repairs are being made on her. The *War Eagle* is afloat, but there is a hole in her hull, but she is not otherwise badly injured, and her mate says he can save her. The *Abe Mitchell* is expected to sink as soon as the ice goes out, and leaves her unsupported. Hopes are expressed that the

Centennial can be raised. The *Andy Johnson* is not leaking, though hemmed in snugly, she is yet safe. The *Davenport* is a total loss, she is sunk to her boiler deck. A number of the steamers supposed to have been destroyed, are safe below the gorge, most of them have steam up; prepared to assist when the gorge moves. The tug *Rescue* has cut through the ice, and is attempting to release the imprisoned steamers. There will probably be no further moving of the ice to-night.

SANDUSKY, Ohio, 13.—The prosecuting attorney has entered a *nolle prosequi* against Rush R. Sloan, indicted for forging and embezzlement while president of the Cleveland and Sandusky Railroad, though he had an excellent case against him. The excitement, already great, was increased when Gov. Hayes ordered the State attorney general to demand from the prosecutor the States evidence against Sloan, which the prosecutor, unaccountably, refused to give up. The suspicion is that he cannot produce the papers.

WASHINGTON, 13.—The defeat of Edmunds' constitutional amendment, authorizing the Supreme Court to count the electoral votes was caused mainly by two arguments: First, That it would make the Supreme Court a political body, with vastly impaired respect and credit. Second—That it would re-enact and practically perpetuate indefinitely the present cumbersome, useless and dangerous electoral college system, with only one defect eliminated, and that one exchanged for another certain difficulty. The personal influence of the members of the Supreme Court was also exerted against the proposition, and the recent publication of alleged private utterances of Justice Miller, denunciatory of Tilden and the democratic House of Representatives, contributed further to uniting the democratic senators against it. The republican senators were equally divided on the question, Sargent and Booth voting against the proposition. All the other Pacific coast senators were absent.

The Senate committee, appointed under Edmunds' resolution to investigate the recent elections in Florida and South Carolina, started for their respective fields of enquiry this evening.

The following congratulatory address was issued, to-day, by the national democratic committee:

To the People of the United States. The national democratic committee announce as the result of the presidential election held on the 7th of November, the election of S. J. Tilden, of New York, as President, and Thos. Hendricks, of Indiana, as Vice-President of the United States. We congratulate you on this victory for reform. It now only remains for the two houses of Congress, in the performance of their duty on the second Wednesday in February next, to give effect to the will of the people thus expressed in a constitutional mode by a majority of all the electoral votes, and confirmed by a majority of all the States as well as by an overwhelming majority of all the people of the United States.

By order of the executive committee. (Signed,)

ABRAM S. HEWITT,
Chairman.
FREDK. O. PRINCE,
Secretary.

CHICAGO, 13.—It is asserted positively in republican political circles that a deep-laid plan has been on foot for some time to secure the forcible inauguration of Tilden after the House had decided that he was legally elected. That the recent open letter, signed by some prominent Chicago democrats, and addressed to General Sherman, and which got into print by mistake, was one evidence of this plot; that the scheme originated in Ohio, and committees had been appointed in other States known as committees of safety, whose object was to secure military organizations and make a show of force in the north; that assessments have been levied on wealthy merchants here and elsewhere to carry out the idea, and that the premature publication of some documents and information has frustrated the whole affair. The democrats who notice this charge at all, deny in like positive manner that it contains a germ of truth.

SAN FRANCISCO, 13.—The following is the Australian news by the *City of New York*:

A severe storm passed over the northern part of New Zealand on