

WASHINGTON, 13.—The meeting of the National Republican Committee to be held in this city next Wednesday, is exciting much interest in Washington political circles, and about half a dozen members who have already arrived, including Frye, of Maine, Chandler, of New Hampshire, and Keogh, of North Carolina, are busy consulting the leaders of the party in Congress as to the business that will come before them. The first matter to be decided is the choice of a chairman to succeed Senator Chandler. Senator Don Cameron wants the chairmanship, but is not a member of the committee. Kemble, the present Pennsylvania member, declined to resign, but it is believed he will resign in Cameron's favor if he thought Cameron would be elected chairman. Ex-Congressman Platt, of New York, will succeed to the place which General Cornell has resigned and Platt is known to be a candidate for the chairmanship. Both Congressmen Frye and William E. Chandler are reported to be candidates, but they are both likely to support Cameron if he becomes eligible for election. Several members of the committee have declared their preference for Governor McCormick, but as he represents only a Territory his chances cannot be considered good.

As to determining the place of holding the next Republican Convention, the contest in committee will undoubtedly be between Chicago and Saratoga, with the chances largely in favor of the former, although New York people hold out many inducements for the selection of Saratoga by offers to build a wigwam there and obtain reduced rates for delegates over railroads and at hotels.

The House committee on Indian affairs had a long meeting this morning and reviewed the Indian question, especially what shall be done with the Utes in Colorado. The Senate joint resolution introduced by Hill, of Colorado, was amended in several important particulars and finally adopted by the committee for report to the House with recommendation for its passage in the following materially altered terms:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Interior be and he is hereby authorized and empowered through a commission of five persons to be appointed by the President or by direct negotiation, as he may deem best, enter into agreement with such of the Ute Indians in Colorado as have not by acts of hostility against the United States or otherwise forfeited their right under existing treaties for the extinguishment of their title to so much of their reservation in said State as may be deemed necessary in the judgment of said commission of the Secretary of the Interior for their removal, and settled in some other suitable place in the State of Colorado; provided said commissioners or Secretary of the Interior in any agreement made with said tribe of Utes for the cessation of any part of their reservation in Colorado, shall obtain before said session shall be valid the consent of said Ute Indians, as provided in section 16 of the treaty made at Washington on the 2d of March, 1868, between the government of the United States, and said Ute tribe of Indians; and provided that no agreement made with said tribe of Indians shall be valid unless agreed to by three-fourths of all the adult male Indians who have not forfeited their treaties.

Congress shall confirm said session and the Secretary of the Interior shall report his proceedings under this resolution to Congress for its consideration and approval. The expense of such negotiation to be paid by the United States, for which purpose \$10,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated.

The committee appointed to make a sanitary survey of Memphis report that a thoroughly competent person must take charge of all sanitary proceedings to be had, and that all houses shall be opened, ventilated and chilled. The city must have control of the water works and change the present source of supply. Polluted cisterns and wells must be abandoned and many houses should be torn down. Sewerage should be adopted which would discharge into the Mississippi River. The backing up of high watering bayous should be prevented by dams and pumping machines.

Representatives Seales and Bedford, special committee of the Na-

tional Board of Trade, had a conference with the executive committee of the National Board of Health and expressed themselves in entire accord with the board of health on the matter of quarantine. They were also gratified to know that the system of quarantine proposed by the board of health would cause but slight interference with the commercial interests of the country.

In the suit of Mrs. Mary Oliver against Simon Cameron for damages for breach of promise of marriage, the court granted the motion of the plaintiff that her appeal from the verdict in favor of defendant be heard without requiring her to print the record. The case is set down for the January term. Counsel for defendant intimated that there was some unseen influence which secured the payment of plaintiff's counsel.

MEMPHIS, 13.—Judge E. S. Hammond, of the United States Circuit Court, to-day, had a novel case before him. J. C. Birmingham, of Lauderdale County, Tenn., had been indicted for unlawfully holding two colored girls in slavery. It appeared Birmingham had refused to recognize the abolition of slavery, and ever since the war has claimed to own the girls because he owned their mother. The conduct of Birmingham excited the indignation of his neighbors, and at their instigation the United States grand jury recently found an indictment against him. Judge Hammond quashed the indictment, holding that the Act of Congress which says that every person who kidnaps or carries away any other person with the intent that such other person be sold into involuntary servitude or held as a slave shall be punished by fine and imprisonment, could not apply to any one holding, or pretending to hold in slavery in this country, because slavery having been abolished there could be no slaves here and therefore no one could be held as a slave. This, the Judge said, is an offense not provided for by act of Congress and not punishable by indictment in Federal courts. The defendant was discharged.

RUTLAND, Vt., 13.—An accident occurred on the Addison Railroad, at Larrabee's Point, Vt., on Lake Champlain shore to-night, causing the death of engineer O. P. Stinson, fireman Ed. Markham, and bridge tender D. T. Lyman. The train left Rutland this afternoon for Ticonderoga, New York, and was wrecked just before reaching the bridge across the lake.

DENVER, 13.—A special from Santa Fe says: Charles W. Merritt, a near relative of General Merritt, late lieutenant of the Ninth Cavalry, but dismissed some weeks ago by a general court martial, committed suicide in his room at the Exchange Hotel, Santa Fe, last night, by shooting himself through the head.

Atlanta, 13.—Rev. W. H. Pledge, recently appointed at the Methodist conference in Augusta to take charge of the church in Atlanta, committed suicide in the Markham House in this city to-night, by cutting his throat. He was a minister of prominence and leaves a family. No cause is assigned.

NEW YORK, 13.—The Peruvian charge d'affaires has received cable advices from Panama announcing a partial engagement at Carapuca, where 2,500 Chilians were routed, 1,000 killed, and 11 Krupp guns and four mitrailleuses captured.

SAN FRANCISCO, 13.—The testimony in the matter of the opposition of John H. Burke to the allowance of the executor's account in the estate of W. S. O'Brien, deceased, shows that on July, 19, 1878, James G. Fair purchased of the estate 67,142 shares of stock, consisting of California, Consolidated Virginia, Yellow Jacket and Ophir, for \$629,012; the average market value of the same at the time being \$1,041,961. The great difference on the selling and market value is accounted for by the executor on the ground that so large an amount of stock could not have been sold at better rates at public sale, and any attempt to do so would have smashed the market. The market value of the stock of the Pacific Mill and Mining Company, Pacific Wood, Lumber and Flume Company, Cherokee Company and Latrobe Tunnel, also purchased by Fair, cannot be ascertained, as these stocks are owned almost exclusively by Flood, Mackey and Fair and not sold in open market, though Fair bought them of the estate below the value set by the appraisers.

WASHINGTON, 15.—The Herald, in a leading editorial to-day, after stating that it learns from many sources that the importing interests hope to secure some tariff reductions at the present session of Congress, says: "The persistent agitation kept up by Mr. Leon Chatfeau, in the interest of a few French manufacturers, has not been abandoned, and the attempt to pluck the fruit of so much time and labor cannot be long delayed." The Herald then proceeds to review the address delivered by Charles A. Wetmore before the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce last June, and finds it an exhaustive and completely satisfactory exposition of the subject. Liberal quotations are made from it, and the Herald endorses its conclusion very earnestly.

The action taken by the House committee on Indian affairs, providing that the Colorado Ute Indians shall be kept within the boundary of that State, is based upon the belief of the majority of the committee that they can be more securely watched and guarded upon a small reservation in southwestern Colorado than at any point more distant from the bases of military operations, and that they will be more contented and less likely to create disturbances there than in any unfamiliar locations. Besides these considerations, the committee were largely influenced by the united, earnest representations of other sections of western country against locating these formidable Indians anywhere within their respective States or Territories, and the influence of the Interior department was also powerfully exerted in the same general direction. The joint resolution as amended will doubtless give rise to considerable debate in the House, but its passage seems to be quite certain.

A recent rumor that Senator Edmunds was to be appointed to the United States Supreme bench in place of Justice Hunt appears to be incorrect for it is stated by personal friends of the latter that he is convalescent and may be expected to resume his duties ere long.

Delegato Otero, of New Mexico, will leave Washington this week for home but intends to return immediately after the holidays.

A subcommittee of the House appropriations committee have agreed upon the West Point Academy appropriation bill. The aggregate sum is understood to be about \$275,000, and considerably in excess of last years appropriations. Provisions are made for new barracks and about half the sum asked for is granted with the understanding that the buildings may be commenced.

A company has been incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia with a capital of \$10,000 to publish a weekly newspaper devoted entirely to the interests of the army and navy, and called the Army and Navy Register. Mr. Edmund Hudson of the Boston Herald will have editorial charge of the paper.

ST. LOUIS, 15.—The Republican's special from Houston, Texas, says: The Masonic Grand Lodge of that State yesterday approved the action of the Waxahatchie lodge in expelling Rev. W. G. Veal, a well-known minister of the gospel, for attempting to seduce Mrs. E. G. Griffin, of Waxahatchie, wife of a brother mason. This decision practically expels Veal from the masonic order.

It is reported here that the United States Circuit Court at Topeka, Kansas, Saturday, set aside the sale of the Kansas Pacific Railway to Jay Gould and refused to order another sale.

LOS PINOS AGENCY, Colorado, 12.—The prisoners are on their way here and are expected to reach the agency to-morrow. Ouray leaves in the morning for the camp of Jack and Colorado to arrange for certain Indians to accompany the commission to Washington. Secretary Schurz is to be congratulated on the success of his policy.

WHITEHALL, N. Y., 15.—A train on the Central Vermont Railroad last evening ran off the track near Addison Junction drawbridge. The engine went down the embankment 40 feet, killing engineer Stinson, fireman Markham, and Lyman, engineer of the drawbridge.

MEMPHIS, 15.—Rev. Geo. White, rector of the Calvary Episcopal Church, was stricken yesterday morning with paralysis, while addressing a Sunday School class. He was removed to his residence on a litter. His condition is extremely critical. He is 82 years old, and universally respected.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., 15.—About 3 a. m. to-day, the two story brick livery stable, occupied by J. Gillis, corner of Scott and Elm streets, was discovered to be in flames, and in a few hours, despite the efforts of the fire department, owing to the inflammable character of the contents, it was wholly destroyed. The flames communicated to the cotton compress adjoining it and it was also destroyed. The family of Gillis were asleep in the second story, and the only safe avenue of escape being cut off when they were aroused, Mr. Gillis and wife dropped their children out of a window, to the ground below on Scott Street. The wife was suffocated by the smoke, and falling back she was burned. Gillis jumped from the window and was picked up in an unconscious condition from injuries about the head. It is thought he inhaled the flames and is fatally injured. Both children were severely injured. About 10 horses and several carriages and buggies were destroyed. About 100 bales of cotton were burned at the compress; loss \$10,000 on the stable and stock. Compress injured \$2,500, insurance only \$10,000. Ten thousand dollars on the burned cotton. A fireman named Brown, of the Ughart Hose Co. was dangerously hurt from falling down the outer stairway of the Odd Fellow's building.

CANTON, O., 15.—A jury to-day found Gustave Ohr guilty of murder in the first degree. John Whattmough, of Philadelphia, was the murdered man, and the crime was committed by Ohr and George Maine, in June last, near Alliance, Ohio. Maine was tried first and was found guilty of murder in the first degree.

NEW YORK, 15.—The Tribune, in an editorial, in reference to a letter on the Indian problem asks, "How are we to expect the Utes to remain at peace when the only answer to their cries for bread, and to their demand for a chance at life has been the official declaration of the Secretary of the Interior, that they have 'no just cause for complaint.'"

Specials from Omaha announce that General Crook, while on a hunting expedition, narrowly escaped death from cold weather. He has not yet fully recovered.

AUGUSTA, 15.—Another petition asking for an investigation of the charges that the election returns have been tampered with was sent from Portland yesterday to the Governor and Council. The list of names embrace many of the most prominent and distinguished citizens of Portland, including Lot. M. Morrill, Sydney Perham and Israel M. Washburn, Jr.

BOSTON, 15.—Nicolo Infantino and Antonio Ardito plead guilty to-day of the murder of Joseph F. Frye, and were sentenced to imprisonment for life. Vincenzo Bandello and Joseph Donati will be tried as accessories. They were arraigned to-day.

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