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## AMERICAN.

WASHINGTON, 18.—The report of the committee appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury to investigate the charges against Supervising Architect Hill, was given out for publication to-day. Some of the findings of the committee are severe on Hill, and his resignation is freely talked of.

The Secretary of the Treasury will probably make another bond call on Wednesday or Thursday. It is thought the amount will be \$15,000,000.

Secretaries Chandler and Lincoln were in consultation to-day, referring to ending relief to the Greeley party. It is impossible at this writing to state positively what conclusion was reached, as it is understood information has been received that the Greeley party is supplied with provisions sufficient to sustain them for over a year yet, and that there is consequently no necessity for starting a relief expedition this fall. Another consultation will be held this afternoon, at which Dr. Bossels will be present.

A synopsis of the report of the committee investigating the charges against Supervising Architect Hill was sent to some of the leading papers last week. That synopsis, which was prepared and furnished to special correspondents by Hill in advance of the official delivery of the committee's report by them, regards the actual findings of the committee was imperfect. The official report censures Hill for squandering public money by paying higher prices than necessary for government work, and in that he favored Damon & Hayward, contractors.

Of the appropriation of a hundred million dollars for the payment of pensions for the fiscal year ending June 30th; \$39,000,000 remained unexpended, and was reappropriated for the present fiscal year, making the sum available for the expenses of the Pension Bureau about \$125,000,000. Commissioner Dudley expresses the opinion that there will be another large surplus at the end of the present fiscal year. In that event he will ask to have the surplus reappropriated and expected to be able to considerably reduce the amount required for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1884. The Commissioner says that notwithstanding the probable expenses and the large surplus the number of pension claims passed upon the pre-ent year will show a large increase over last year, and he attributes the saving to the character of the cases and the efficiency of the examiners. Commissioner Dudley is also of the opinion that he will be enabled to reduce the number of employees on the Bureau from 1,500 to 1,200.

The *Powhattan* will be ordered tomorrow to leave St. Johns for New York, and bring with her the Greeley relief expedition party.

St. Louis, 18.—Special from St. Joe: A freight and passenger train collided at Corning, Mo., on the Kansas City, St. Joe & Council Bluffs Railway last night. Frank Johnson, route agent, received severe injuries; others were also injured. Two locomotives were badly wrecked.

Cleveland, 18.—Captain George Stephens, Robert Hannon, Charles Dixon and a sailor, name unknown, were picked up by the tug Red Cloud at 6 o'clock this morning, floating on a raft made from the barge's cargo of lumber. They were of the foundered barge Oakland, had been in the water 24 hours, and were nearly dead from exhaustion. They were taken by the tug to Ash-tabula.

New York, 18.—This evening a fire broke out in the basement 438 and 439 Broadway. The basement and floor above were occupied by Hallman & Herman, wholesale dealers in fine underwear. The store had been closed up when the fire was discovered. Smoke and flames were first noticed on the Mercer Street side. The building has a frontage of 37½ feet, and is 200 feet deep. The flames ascended through the elevator to the top floor, and the efforts of the firemen failed to save the building, which is five stories high. Losses are estimated as follows, principally by members of the firms concerned: Hallman & Herman, furnishing goods, basement and first floor, \$250,000; W. Knowlton & Sons, straw goods, second floor, \$75,000; Sadeckson Brothers, clothiers, part of second and third

floors, \$100,000; A. Fredberg & Son, fourth and fifth floors, \$100,000; D. L. Newberg & Son, clothiers, 541 Broadway, \$150,000; Forch, Erge & Co., hats, also 541 Broadway, \$50,000. Several firemen were overcome by the smoke and taken to the hospital; no one seriously injured. Detective Sergeant Philip Reilly was prostrated and sent to Saint Vincent hospital. The building belongs to the Gesley and Beman estates. It stands on the site of Barnum's old museum, which burned down. The buildings were valued at \$200,000. They were put up 15 years ago. They were damaged to the extent of \$100,000.

San Francisco, 18.—Three outrages by desperadoes are reported from Tucson, Arizona. The telegram states that the citizens fear to take measures against the perpetrators. The Governor will have to suppress them; the civil authorities are powerless.

Galveston, 18.—*News-Coleman* special: For some months an ill feeling has existed between Thomas Hayes the cattle king, and A. Pendleton, saloon keeper. Last night Hayes entered Pendleton's saloon and ordered drinks. Hayes drew a six-shooter and fired at Pendleton, but missed his mark. Pendleton was antipating foul play, and returned the fire instantly. His first shot struck Hayes in the head, and the second in the right breast. The wounds are mortal. Pendleton is not captured.

New York, 18.—James Kemlo, Methodist minister, of Newark, N. J., to day made a determined attempt to kill his wife and himself. The couple visited the clergyman's mother, 49 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, and while alone quarrelled, when, as it appears, the man drove a large butcher knife into his wife's breast, and then drawing the weapon over his own throat, jumped out of the window of the fourth floor of the building. Both were taken to the hospital, and neither is expected to live.

Little Rock, 18.—In U. S. Court to-day Judge Caldwell issued an order restraining the Memphis & Little Rock Railroad from discriminating against through freight or passengers shipped over the St. Louis & Texas Railway in Arkansas.

SAN FRANCISCO, 18.—H. Beinhelut, a Guaymas merchant, arrived here, says the cause of the disease will be dissipated with the first rains. The fever appears every summer; no one feared it. The violence of the fever this year is owing to the want of rain. Physicians increased the evil by declaring it yellow fever. This created such a scare that people laid down and died like sheep. From that moment the only business done was a lively trade in coffins. Most of those who died were of the poorer classes, unable from a scarcity of food to obtain proper nourishment. Many sufferers drank cold liquors, inducing congestion of the brain, and causing almost immediate death.

SIOUX FALLS, Dak., 18.—The last clause in the Constitution of the proposed new State of Dakota was passed upon this afternoon. The Convention adjourned, leaving the final arrangement of the document in the hands of the committee on arrangement and phraseology. It is a carefully constructed paper, and strong safeguards are made against monopoly, banking and railroads being especially considered. Ten thousand copies of the document will be printed in English, and 1,000 each in German and Scandinavian, for distribution through Southern Dakota. The question of the salaries to be allowed the State officers was decided, the Governor to receive \$2,000, Treasurer, Auditor and Attorney General each \$1,000. A resolution was adopted that will gladden the Prohibitionists, which was to submit to popular vote any measures upon petition of 5,000 legal voters, and upon a majority vote shall then become part of the State Constitution. The delegates go home well satisfied with the work done.

Richfield Springs, N. Y., 18.—The attendance upon the republican State convention is not as large as usual. The State Committee met at 8 o'clock this evening. The committee was called to order by Chairman John F. Smythe. Upon roll call 20 members answered to their names. The committee adjourned until 10 p. m. The program for organization is not yet indicated. The name most canvassed in connection with the temporary chairmanship is that of Senator Warner Miller. Very little disposition is shown by prominent republicans present to discuss the probable action of the convention. The pur-

pose seems to be to permit the convention to take its own course. With reference to the formation of the ticket the whole drift of sentiment appears to favor the renomination of the present State officers. Ex-Senator Thomas O. Platt telegraphs to-day cancelling his engagement for rooms. Chandler M. Depew, Whitelaw Reid, and Geo. Wm. Curtis among the prominent delegates. It is said a considerable portion of the New York City delegation will not be present. There is no reason to believe any strife will arise in the convention over any point.

New York, 18.—The executive committee of the anti-machine republicans this evening, adopted resolutions denouncing the proclamation of the machine organization that its doors were open to all republicans as a sham, declaring that the late primaries were conducted according to the usual machine methods, and that only five of the eighty delegates elected are independents, and concludes by stating that while they are loyal republicans they do not hold themselves bound to obey this gang of political frauds. A copy of the resolutions will be forwarded to the State conventions.

Boston, 18.—Following is an interview had with Governor Butler to-night.

Reporter—Governor Butler, I see it appears that Henry L. Pierce has written a letter of withdrawal from the canvass.

Gov. Butler—Yes, I see; but the papers lie so I can't place any dependence upon what they say. Do you really take it to be a withdrawal?

Reporter—Yes, sir; I am sure of it. Have you anything to say about it?

Butler—Yes; all I have to say is to repeat the old couplet, "Three cheers for the dead already; hurrah for the next to die."

## FOREIGN.

LONDON, 18.—The prisoner gave his name at Bow Street as Patrick O'Donnell, though he is described in the charge sheet as "Michael O'Donnell, puddler, of Gortoure, County Donegal, Ireland." He will have able counsel. Steps are being taken to secure the services of a well-known Irish member of Parliament.

The police are extremely active in Nationalist quarters at London, today, making inquiries as to what connection, if any, O'Donnell had with Irish secret societies.

Millbank prison has been placed under extra guard, as when the dynamiters were prisoners.

A battle in Ashantee, resulted in the defeat, with great slaughter, of the forces of King Koffee Kalcalli. The king fled to Coomassie, his capital, a ter the engagement.

The Treasury Department, in accordance with recent acts of Parliament, cancelled \$75,000,000 of various stocks representing a portion of the national debt, and has issued terminable annuities in reformation.

A *Times* editorial article expects a great struggle between capital and labor in the Lancashire cotton trade, as the operatives will resist the proposed reduction of wages, which the cotton masters consider the present condition of trade makes necessary.

John Payne Collier, philologist and commentator on Shakespeare, died to-day, aged 94.

The *Daily Telegraph's* correspondent at Paris states that China has proposed to accept a French protectorate in Annam on condition that the French evacuate Tonquin.

A Marseilles dispatch says 3,000 shells, 500 guns and 800,000 cartridges have been ordered sent to Tonquin.

The *Standard's* Paris correspondent says the memorandum discussed at to-day's interview between the Marquis Tseng and Prime Minister Ferry contains French counter proposals to those which the Marquis Tseng formulated when last here. Chinese diplomats are unfavorably impressed by the substitution of M. Ferry for M. Challemeil Lacour in the negotiations.

News of Gen. Bonet's departure under pretense of a mission to the English colony was the occasion of much surprise here.

The *Standard's* Vienna dispatch says: The American Minister to China has joined with the English representatives in urging that China come to an understanding with France.

The American mercantile marine have received instructions from France that all vessels carrying war materials to Tonquin will be captured

as privateers by the French navy.

Liverpool, 18.—James McDermott was before the court to-day and discharged, the evidence against him seemed insufficient.

Rome, 18.—Extensive preparations are making for the reception of the American Bishops at the Vatican in November. There will be a series of reunions, at which Cardinal Simeoni will preside, and at which questions concerning the influence of the Catholic Church in America will be discussed. The main object of the meeting is to adopt measures for the reorganization of the Catholic Church in America according to canon law, and to bring it into closer communion with the Vatican. Cardinal McCabe will be invited to attend some of the meetings, at which the Irish agitation will be discussed.

All obstacles to the appointment of a Russian Envoy being removed, it is expected a representative of Russia will arrive in October.

Geneva, 18.—The International League for national peace and liberty demand the neutralization of the explored and unexplored territory on the Congo river, and the creation of a permanent tribunal of arbitration for the settlement of all difficulties arising from the execution of the treaty to this effect, which it is proposed shall be elaborated by an international congress. The resolution will be forwarded to all the powers, and to the legislative bodies of Europe and America.

Colonel Clibborn, of the Salvation Army, has been expelled from the city. Miss Booth is imprisoned at Neuchatel for violating the order prohibiting Salvation meetings.

## ST. JOSEPH STAKE CONFERENCE.

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September 3d, 1883.

The Second Quarterly Conference of the St. Joseph Stake of Zion was held in the Bowery at Smithville, Graham County, Arizona, Sept. 1st and 2d, 1883.

On the stand Pres. Chastopher Layton, Counselor D. P. Kimball and the Bishops of the various Wards were present.

After singing and prayer Brother S. F. Wilson was sustained as assistant Stake Clerk to Brother F. J. May.

President Layton called for reports from the Bishops, which were favorable.

The time remaining was occupied by President C. Layton and Patriarch P. C. Merrill. The former spoke of building towns and homes, advised to build on the high lands on account of the malaria, etc. Said he had built a house or a barn every year for the last 20 years, and intended to do the same in Arizona the Lord being his helper. The latter said he found this valley more extensive than he expected, and gave an interesting account of his travels and exploration in Southern Arizona since 1877.

2 p. m. Sept. 1st.

Singing and prayer.

The report of the various Ward and Sunday Schools were read by Counselor Kimball, who then said he would be pleased to see the young people marry. Spoke on obedience and union; commented favorably on the reports, which showed that there were 1,221 souls of the Saints in the St. Joseph Stake, also that the Sunday Schools and societies were in a thriving condition.

Patriarch P. C. Merrill spoke of the organization of the Church by Joseph Smith, its organization is the same to day as it was in the days of Joseph. The spirit of revelation rests upon the Presidents of the Stakes. If we keep the Word of Wisdom the destroying angel will pass by, etc.

Elder Wm. N. Fife said that the young men would bear off this kingdom, and exhorted them to prepare themselves for the same, to assist their bishops, read good books, etc. He gave a brief history of his travels in Arizona.

President Layton gave notice that the relief society would meet immediately after this meeting.

Sunday, 10 a. m.

Singing and prayer.

Brother N. P. Babes said he was pleased to see on the stand Patriarch Wm. McBride who baptized him into the Church. He exhorted the Saints to not get discouraged, but to press forward and build up the waste places. Exhorted the young men and women to be industrious and otherwise prepare themselves to become honorable fathers and mothers in Israel.

Brother Calvin Reed said we have a good and beautiful country here and a healthy climate. We have some sickness here but nothing to compare with Utah, according to reports, etc.

Brother R. A. Allred said he was willing to suffer any privation necessary for the gospel's sake. He spoke of our every day acts and their results, and urged the Saints to fear God and keep his commandments.

Brother A. Cluff spoke in behalf of the Sunday Schools, and read the printed rules for the organizing and conducting of Sunday schools. Exhorted them to be punctual and alive to their duties.

Counselor D. P. Kimball said that he had found the definition of the word "Mormon" in the dictionary to be incorrect. He was an ancient prophet and general, who lived on this continent. Encouraged the young to marry and to protect wives, etc.

Pres. C. Layton said he always believed in short sermons and in ers. If you want to live here, away the mesquites, cultivate gardens, music, etc., and to pipe war from the Graham Mountain for town purposes, but not work too hard, and take care of everything that the Lord has entrusted into your care, etc., exhorted the people to live in wards under Bishops, and keep of the lowlands.

2 p. m.

Singing and prayer. Sacrament administered by Counselors John Taylor and H. D. Dall.

Pres. C. Layton said he wished all the secretaries, male and female, to send in their reports at least ten days before the conference; spoke of the extent of the authority of Presidents, Bishops, etc.

Counselor D. P. Kimball presented the First Presidency of the Church, also the authorities of this Stake, including the Bishops, presidents of societies and associations, etc., which were unanimously sustained.

Patriarch P. C. Merrill gave a brief history of the moabings and persecutions of the Saints in the days of Joseph Smith, the Prophet, and how the corner stone of the Temple in Far West was laid, by the Twelve, and the martyrdom of Joseph and Hyrum, etc.

Counselor D. P. Kimball gave notice that the Ladies' Conference would adjourn until the day previous to the quarterly conference, which was adjourned to St. David on the first and second days of December, 1883.

Patriarch Wm. McBride then gave a brief discourse on the God-head, etc.

## MINNESOTA CONFERENCE.

The Minnesota Conference was held Sept. 8th and 9th, at Market Hall, Minneapolis, present of the Northwestern States Mission.

Pres. W. M. Palmer, Elders from Utah: G. R. Belnap, Pres. of the Conference; Mons. Anderson, Jacob Fisher, A. W. Buchanan, H. Payne, Samuel Bryson, Heber Bennion, Peter Loutensock, Lars Jacobson, C. M. Nielson and T. S. Wood-lane.

After the opening exercises President W. M. Palmer said he was pleased to meet the Elders and note the sacrifice they had made in the expense of holding Conference in this city, and giving so many people the privilege of hearing the true Gospel of Christ. Spoke of the advancement of the cause of truth and the condition of the world on account of rejecting it, also of laws of the Church of Christ.

2 p. m.

After the opening exercises Elder Belnap read from the 3d chapter of Micah, and delivered an able discourse, showing how the people had been left without the means of communicating with the Lord, and how been led by false prophets who would lead them from the ways of truth.

6 p. m.

Elders Nielson and Buchanan reported their field, a few more investigating the Gospel. They felt well in their labors.

Elders Belnap and Payne reported their field as in good condition. Quite a number were investigating, and prejudice was giving way to truth to some extent.

Elders Bryson and Bennion said that though they had held a number of meetings very few were inquiring after the Gospel.

Elders Anderson and Jacobson had borne testimony to many peo-