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EDITOR AND PUBLISHER.

Saturday, December 16, 1876.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Louisiana investigating committee.
Negro riot at New Orleans, a score wounded.
Two men burned to death in a barn in Illinois.
Indiana Tildenites glorifying.
The fire at Little Rock, \$140,000 loss.
Five murderers liberated in Kentucky.
Ohioans want Tilden inaugurated.
Senate committee at work at Columbia.
Libel suit against New York Sun.
Rumored democratic secret society.
South Carolina Legislature.
Philadelphia wool market.
Centennial assets and what to do with them.
Iglesias' partisans in high feather.
Congressional proceedings.
Gale at Cleveland, O.
All the gambling houses at Washington closed.
Proposed advance of R. R. freight and passenger rates.
In favor of abolishing the death penalty in Italy.
Servia is willing to make reparation to Austria.

PRESIDENT GRANT'S ANNUAL MESSAGE REFERENCES AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING UTAH.

To President Grant's eighth and last annual message to Congress he appended, to use his own language, "a synopsis of administrative events and recommendations to Congress made by me during the last seven years." In this synopsis his references more or less concerning Utah are as follows:

THIRD ANNUAL MESSAGE.

Suggestions in relation to polygamy in Utah.

FOURTH ANNUAL MESSAGE, DEC. 2, 1872.

Territories.

"I recommend a careful revision of the present laws of the Territory of Utah, and the enactment of such a law (the one proposed in Congress at its last session, or something similar to it) as will secure peace, the equality of all citizens before the law, and the ultimate extinguishment of polygamy."

FIFTH ANNUAL MESSAGE, DEC. 1, 1873.

Utah.

"To prevent anarchy there it is absolutely necessary that Congress provide the courts with some mode of obtaining jurors, and I recommend legislation to that end; and also that the probate courts of the Territory, now assuming to issue writs of injunction and habeas corpus, and to try criminal cases and questions as to land titles, be denied all jurisdiction not possessed ordinarily by courts of that description."

SEVENTH ANNUAL MESSAGE, DECEMBER 7, 1875.

Geological explorations in Colorado, Utah, and New Mexico Territories.

"The geological explorations have been prosecuted with energy during the year, covering an area of about forty thousand square miles in the Territories of Colorado, Utah, and New Mexico, developing the agricultural and mineral resources, and furnishing interesting scientific and topographical details of that region."

Utah—Polygamy.

"In nearly every annual message that I have had the honor of transmitting to Congress, I have called attention to the anomalous, not to say scandalous, condition of affairs existing in the Territory of Utah and have asked for definite legislation to correct it. That polygamy should exist in a free, enlightened, and Christian country, without the power to punish so flagrant a crime against decency and morality, seems preposterous. True, there is no law to sustain this unnatural vice, but what is new to law to punish it as a crime, and at the same time to fix the status of the innocent children, the offspring of the system, and of the possibly innocent plural wives? But, as an institution, polygamy should be banished from the land."

Necessity for amendment of public land and mining laws.

"Observations while visiting the Territories of Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico, during the past autumn, convinced me that existing laws regulating the disposition of public lands, timber, &c., and probably the mining laws, are very defective, and should be carefully amended and at an early day. In territory where cultivation of the soil can only be followed by irrigation, and where irrigation is not practicable the lands can only be used as pasture, and this only where stock can reach water (to quench its thirst), cannot be governed by the laws as to entries on lands every acre of which is an independent estate by itself."

"Land must be held in larger quantities to justify the expense of conducting water upon it to make it fruitful or to justify utilizing it as pasture. The timber in most of the Territories is principally confined to the mountain regions, which are held for entry in small quantities only and as mineral lands. The timber is the property of the United States, for the disposal of which there is no adequate law. The settler may become a consumer of this timber whether he lives upon the plain or engages in working the mines. Hence every man becomes a trespasser himself or knowingly a patron of trespassers."

"My opportunities for observation were not sufficient to justify me in recommending specific legislation on these subjects, but I do recommend that a joint committee of the two Houses of Congress—sufficiently large to be divided into sub-committees—be organized to visit all the mining States and Territories during the coming summer, and that the committee shall report to Congress at the next session as to the laws or amendments to laws as they may deem necessary to secure the best interests of the Government and the people of these Territories, who are doing so much for their development."

Summary of questions deemed of vital importance.

"First. That the States shall be required to afford the opportunity

of a good common-school education to every child within their limits.
"Second. No sectarian tenets shall ever be taught in any school supported in whole or in part by the State, nation, or by the proceeds of any tax levied upon any community. Make education compulsory, so as to deprive all persons who cannot read and write from becoming voters after the year 1890, disfranchising none, however, on grounds of illiteracy who may be voters at the time this amendment takes effect.
"Third. Declare church and State forever separate and distinct, but each free within its proper sphere, and that all church property shall bear its own proportion of taxation.
"Fourth. Drive out illiteracy, immorality, such as polygamy and the importation of women for illegitimate purposes. To reach again to the centennial year, it would seem as though now, as we are about to begin the second century of our national existence, would be a most fitting time for these reforms."

By Telegraph.

PEL WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH LINE.

Last Night's Dispatches.

EASTERN.

Louisiana—The Investigating Committee.

NEW ORLEANS, 15.—The House committee admitted only the witnesses and counsel of both parties, with persons specially invited, today, to the investigation.

Henry Carroll, colored, living in Orleans parish, five miles below the city, testified that he was formerly a republican, but became a liberal and voted for McEnery and Tilden this year, for which he was threatened with murder, and attempts were made to kill him. A man was killed on Nov. 10th, being mistaken for him.

Wm. Ward, colored, of Grant parish, testified that the republicans shot and killed him in the head for wanting to run for the legislature. He was then a republican and had to leave the State because he knew too much, and was threatened. He remained out six months, then ran for the legislature, though fairly beaten. He wrote a history of the outrages in Red River parish, believing it at the time, now he knew better. Ward is a democrat now.

O. B. Morton, of New Orleans, testified that having been discharged as a republican, he was in accordance with the testimony given by the so-called intimidated witnesses. He testified to hearing from numerous supervisors that they would fix their parishes all right, and throw out all the necessary returns.

John Petty, a colored democrat, testified that he had been shot and beaten for voting the democratic ticket. He testified that the democratic negroes were very generally intimidated and threatened that they would be killed, and that they would be enslaved. Some did not vote at all on that account.

Representative Morrison telegraphed Speaker Randall, to-night, that the committee would be antagonized and opposed in every way in the discharge of its duty. Witnesses had been intimidated. President Orton refuses to give up the telegrams, it is believed, upon assurance from Washington of being protected, and without the power of the House to enforce its process, the committee cannot discharge its duty. The House should remain in session.

To Orton's message he gave the following: "I have nothing to do with your motive in refusing to obey the process of the House of Representatives. My duty will be performed by invoking its enforcement of such process. Regretting your refusal of the information necessary to ascertain the truth as to the Louisiana election, I am, &c., &c."

Negro Riot—A Score Wounded.

Wm. Young, mate of the steamerboat *Potter*, quarrelled with two of the colored deck hands, who got pistols and were about to shoot him, when another deck hand fired and wounded him. A large crowd of negroes collected, and when the police arrested the man who did the shooting, they took him away. He was finally secured. When the police attempted to take him to the station, the negroes attacked them with pistols, bricks, &c. Several shots were exchanged, resulting in wounding ten to twenty negroes and one or four whites.

Burned to Death in a Barn.

JERSEYVILLE, Ills., 15.—Two men perished in a burning barn here to-day.

Tildenites Rejoicing.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., 15.—There was a general rejoicing and jollification in honor of the election of Tilden and Hendricks here to-night. Cannon were fired, bonfires, speeches made, &c.

The Fire.

LITTLE ROCK, 15.—The conflagration was stopped at midnight last night, being confined between Markham street and the river, two squares. Loss about \$140,000. Insurance \$50,000. Principal losers, Metropolitan Hotel Co. \$25,000, Gleason Restaurant \$10,000, others smaller amounts. Several persons were injured, one fatally. Rebuilding has already commenced.

A Fight.

CHICAGO, 15.—The *Times* Washington special says: Two democrats, Scher and Merriman, of the House, and a Confederate, Colonel John W. Fairfax, had an encounter this evening with knives, Fairfax being seriously cut. Scher had ordered Fairfax off the floor of the House. The fight was very brief, for a minute or two. Fairfax was knocked down and stabbed in the neck and near the heart, and is pronounced to be in a dangerous condition. Scher is out but slightly. Both are democrats. Fairfax was Longstreet's chief of staff. He was somewhat intoxicated.

Want Tilden Inaugurated.

To-day the members of Congress from Ohio met in conference, and after some labor passed a resolution requesting John G. Thompson, chairman of the Ohio State executive committee, to issue his proclamation calling upon the democracy of that State to meet in state convention January 31st, to protest against the subordination of the civil to the military power, and to demand the inauguration of Tilden, whether elected or not.

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