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WASHINGTON WHISPERS.

The Patent Office's Report—Cleveland Going to the Celebration, Etc.

WASHINGTON, 26.—In his annual report to the Secretary of the Interior, Commissioner of Patents M. V. Montgomery says that the current business of the Patent Office is in a much better and more prosperous condition than when Secretary Lamar assumed charge of the Department. At that time the business of the office was largely in arrears; the average time that an applicant for a patent was required to wait after filing his application was five and a half months, and in some of the divisions they were compelled to wait from twelve to thirteen months. At this time the delays in such division are on average about three and one-third months in arrears. The fees accruing in the Patent Office and turned into the Treasury during the calendar year of 1885 were $193,710, making a balance in the Treasury on account of Patent Office Fund of very nearly $3,000,000.

The President and party to visit New York to assist in the inauguration of the

BARTHOLDI STATUE

will consist of seven persons, as follows: The President, Secretary of State, Secretary of War, Secretary of the Navy, Secretary of the Interior, Postmaster-General and the President's private secretary. They will leave Washington at 9:50 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, and expect to return here by midnight Thursday.

The President to-day directed the suspension of M. L. Benton, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, and of Wm. A. Stone, United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania. This action in the case of District Attorney Benton was based on the information that he is now and has been for some time past engaged in addressing a series of political meetings throughout Missouri, with appointments advertised for nearly every evening up to the time of election. The President endorsed the paper setting forth the above statement, "Let this officer be

SUSPENDED AT ONCE,"

and returned it to the Attorney General for an enforcement of the order. The suspension of District Attorney Stone was made for similar reasons. Of the suspended officers Benton is a Democrat and Stone a Republican.

Second Comptroller Maynard has made his annual report to the Secretary of the Treasury, from which it appears that during the fiscal year ended June 3rd, 1886, he settled accounts, claims and cases to the number of 50,828, including the sum of $225,310,310, being an increase of 26 per cent. over the number of claims and accounts adjusted during the previous year.

Hon. Nicholas M. Bell, superintendent of Foreign Mails, has submitted his annual report to the Postmaster-General, showing the operations of that office during the last fiscal year. The total weight of letters dispatched to foreign countries by sea was 500,198 pounds, and of paper 2,367,583 pounds. It is estimated that the

TOTAL NUMBER OF LETTERS

sent to foreign countries was 87,000,298, and 30,105,847 were received; 47,049,064 newspapers were sent and 26,700,005 were received. The cost of sea transportation service during the year was $358,443, as against $431,903 last year. Supt. Bell recommends that the compensation to mail carrying steamers to Great Britain be regulated in accordance with their speed.

THE CELEBRATION.

Great Preparations for the Observance of Bartholdi Day.

NEW YORK, 26.—The last official action taken by the American committee and Major General Schofield was to decide to have the Bartholdi parade start on Fifth Avenue near Fifty-seventh Street and to dismiss the column at the Battery. The various military companies, sailors and marines from the men-of-war and soldiers from the forts in the harbor and such organizations as are to take part in the ceremonies at the statue, will leave the procession at the side streets from Wall Street to the Battery and embark on transports. When the column turns into Park Row, it will pass under the triumphal arch spanning the street from the *World* building to the Post Office. The arch will be one of the largest ever built in New York, measuring 84 feet from the *World* building to the Postoffice, and standing 60 feet from the street at the centre of the great span. In the evening the arch and exterior of the building

WILL BE ILLUMINATED

by colored lights during the display of fireworks in the harbor.

The Academy of Music was gaily decorated to-night in honor of the French delegates to the unveiling of the Statue of Liberty, who were tendered a reception by the *Circle Francaise de l' Harmonie*. A distinguished audience was present, including a very large representation from the French Colony. M. Lapau, President of the *Circle*, presided, and an address of welcome was made in French by Frederick R. Condert.

Senator Everts then spoke on behalf of the American committee, extending a hearty welcome to the city and to the nation, to all public manifestations and to homes of our people.

M. Spuller, a member of the French Parliament, then spoke. He said: "It would be impossible to speak to the French people with more feeling than had been done this evening. For the whole country the two nations have gone

HAND IN HAND,

and although America has advanced farther in liberty, France is not envious of her happiness. You have put in practice what our philosophists have described. You have aided us by your example, and we are amply repaid for any services we may have rendered in your revolution."

M. De Lesseps rose and embraced M. Spuller on conclusion of his speech, and kissed him on both cheeks. He said he was profoundly touched with the sentiment of this great nation, and he would say: "*Vive l' Amerique et la liberte.*"

M. Bartholdi was also called for, and expressed his thanks for the reception.

Dodging the Gallows.

KANSAS CITY, 26.—Lafferty, the colored wife murderer, was conveyed from Leavenworth to Wyandotte this morning to guard against the violence of the mob. He died in jail at the latter place soon after his arrival, from the effects of his attempt upon his own life, having gashed his throat last Sunday.

The New Minister.

MEXICO, 26.—Thomas C. Manning, new United States Minister was formally presented to President Diaz this morning, and an exchange of friendly sentiments occurred.

Arrival of the Wrecked.

NEW YORK, 26.—The steamship *Ethiopia*, which arrived here to-night, brought from St. John's, N. F., the remaining passengers of the disabled steamer *Anchoria*.

Temperate and Intemperate Women.

MINNEAPOLIS, 26.—In the National W. C. T. U. this morning, Mrs. Woltzer gave an interesting history of the suffrage work in Washington Territory.

The "Evangelistic Work," by Mrs. Annie Palmer, was next reported.

"Legislation and Petitions," in the absence of Mrs. Woodbridge, was reported by Mrs. Kimball, of Illinois. She believed in a prohibition law.

Mrs. Dunham, of Iowa, urged the ladies to turn their influence to the Supreme Court.

Mrs. C. S. Jackson, of Iowa, read a paper on "The Relation of Temperance to Capital and Labor." She charged that an average of $90 per adult male in the country is spent annually for drink.

A resolution was adopted to petition the managers of Railway Dining Car Company, asking that there be no liquors or tobacco allowed on their cars.

The Edmunds bill was endorsed.

A salary of $1,800 was provided for the president and $1,000 for the treasurer.

The convention closed to-night, the evening session being occupied with committee reports and unfinished business.

Charged with Heresy.

BOSTON, 26.—The Board of Visitors of the Andover Theological Seminary adjourned this morning after having reached the following decision upon the question of jurisdiction in the case of the Andover professors charged with heresy:

"After due deliberation and consultation the Board of Visitors are unanimously of the opinion that they have original jurisdiction in the premises; that no proceeding is pending before the Board of Trustees for the same alleged offenses, and the complaints are rightly before the Board by its permission and authority, but we deem it proper that the charges should be amended so as to proceed against the respondents individually and separately, and that such charges as are indefinite should be plain."

It was voted that the complainants comply with the foregoing order on or before the 8th of November next.

Protestant Episcopals.

CHICAGO, 26.—At the session of general convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church this morning, President Dix presented a report from the joint committee appointed to recommend a plan for the proper observance of the centennial period. It recommended the observance of certain days in the centennial year. The report went on the calendar.

The deputies then renewed the consideration of the amendments and changes in the book of common prayer.

The work of revision was temporarily suspended to pass a series of resolutions, directing the appointment of a special joint commission of five from each order to open correspondence with other Christian bodies, for the purpose of ascertaining the disposition of Christendom toward agreeing upon a common basis of Christian unity.

All that part of the prayer book revision which can be immediately made effective was passed upon by the Deputies.

It was agreed that the convention end on the afternoon of Thursday next.

$10 from the President.

CHARLESTON, S. C., 26.—President Cleveland has sent $10 to the pastor of the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church with the following letter:

Rev. L. Ruffin Nichols.—My Dear Sir: I have received your letter asking for pecuniary aid in repairing the Emanuel African M. E. Church, which was seriously damaged by the recent earthquake. I am very glad to contribute something for so worthy a cause, and though the sum is not large, it is accompanied by the wish that through the kindness of those who appreciate the value of such an instrumentality for good your Church may soon resume its career of usefulness.

Yours very truly,
GROVER CLEVELAND.

The Daily.

MILWAUKEE, 26.—A collision occurred this afternoon at Pine Bluff between a wild engine and the Montfort passenger train due here at 4 o'clock. One man was killed, two others fatally injured and three others severely hurt. The engineer of the passenger train, Thomas Dolan, was caught in his cab and pinned by the lever. His leg was horribly mangled, his head crushed, and he was rescued just in time to prevent his scalding to death. Canford, his fireman, was also caught. One leg was crushed and he was badly scalded. A man supposed to be Henry Schwenck, of Madison, was stealing a ride between the mail car and the tender. He was instantly killed. The mail agent, George Listed, had his head badly cut and was severely scalped. Conductor Kuhns was thrown down and badly bruised. None of the passengers were hurt.

FOREIGN.

The Dilke Birthness.

LONDON, 26.—At the conclusion of Sir Charles Dilke's motion in the Crawford case, he suggested that Mrs. Crawford's motives were revenge, because Mrs. Ashton Dilke threw herself on him during her intimacy with Forrester.

Mrs. Ashton Dilke was also intimical with Lady Dilke who had ordered her out of the house at Chelsea on account of her language concerning her sister. Strenuous efforts have been made to conceal the meetings of Mrs. Crawford and Forrester in the Hill Street brothel, but it is certain that they met almost daily.

The worst part of Mr. Crawford's story probably refers to incidents in her Hill Street career. Referring to Fanny he says it is not difficult to find her, but he cannot induce her to give evidence, as she fears she would be obliged to state publicly what happened to her in one short moment of her life, and that she has stated to a detective that she has never seen Mrs. Crawford since that trial.

Mrs. Rogerson stated that Mrs. Crawford's confession to her regarding Dilke was accompanied by a series of statements involving other men, some of which could not possibly be true. The object of Dilke's note is to pave the way for his return to public life. A large section of the Chelsea electors continue to believe in his innocence.

The Uganda Massacre.

LONDON, 26.—Details have been received of the massacre of native Christians at Uganda, Africa, by order of King Mwanga. The massacre was begun in June and was directly due to the refusal of a Christian lad, acting as the King's page, to commit an abominable crime. Many Christians were tortured, mutilated and speared and 32 were burned at the stake together. The appeals of the missionaries for a cessation of atrocities were unavailing. The fate of these unfortunates did not serve to frighten the candidates for baptism, and within a week after the massacre many natives were baptised at their own desire. Leaflets containing extracts from the Scriptures, prayers and songs in the Uganda language are freely bought by the people, although their possession involves danger of punishment. The diary of Bishop Hannington, who was put to death by the King, is soon to be published in London. It is a thrilling and pathetic narrative of his experiences in Uganda up to the day of his death.

Unsquelchable Churchill.

LONDON, 26.—In a speech last night Lord Landolph Churchill said: "Official accounts reaching the Government of the social condition and prospects of Ireland are of an encouraging character. There is a good harvest and a marked recovery in prices, and from all we learn, though accurate information is difficult to obtain, rents are being generally paid throughout the country. The landlords have helped greatly to lessen the difficulties of the crisis. Though they belong to a body of men that never met with over-much justice in England, and therefore were justified in standing out of their complete rights and the strict letter of the law, they have generally made large reductions, and the Government is immensely in debted to them for the generous spirit they have displayed. The Irish tenants have also co-operated in a signal manner toward the restoration of order. The separatist party in the House of Commons predicted that a terrible time was coming in Ireland. Parnell, in a begging letter, implored the American dollar in order to prevent the wholesale extermination of the Irish. Nothing of the kind has occurred, or is likely to occur, although there are still isolated districts in Ireland where terror and crime are rampant, which may call for special treatment. With this exception there is a marked decrease in crime and disorder. The people are rapidly appreciating the full significance of the last appeal to the electors, and will gradually shape their political and social action in accordance therewith. If the Unionists firmly follow up the victory they have gained, I think we may conclude without any doubt or hesitation that the question of the maintenance or repeal of the Union is settled for at least two generations." (Cheers.)

The Tory Policy.

LONDON, 26.—A conference of the Tories was held at Bradford to-day. There were 800 delegates present. The conference adopted the imperial federation article of the Conservative faith.

Lord Churchill, speaking of the motion proposing approval of Beaconsfield's Eastern policy, said the government would follow that policy as closely as the changed conditions of European affairs would allow. A heated discussion took place over the woman suffrage question, after which the previous question was carried. A resolution was adopted expressing confidence that the government would follow Beaconsfield's policy, and would vigilently guard British interests against Russian aggression, and especially prevent the seizure of Constantinople.

Bulgarian Business.

SOFIA, 26.—It is expected that the Sobranje will impeach Karaveloff and compel him to resign from the regency.

Stovanoff, the popular poet, intends to move in the Sobranje in favor of declaring a Republic. Rumors are current that a plot has been discovered to seize the revenue en route to Tirnova.

London, 26.—There is much excitement in Lom Palanka over the arrest of the commandant who had planned a seizure of the ministers while passing on their way to Tirnova, the object being to send them to Reineruss.

French Fancies.

PARIS, 26.—The Senate has passed the bill providing for the sale of the crown jewels.

Le Temps, in a pacific and friendly article on the relations existing between England and France, urges the press on both sides to refrain from exciting hostile feelings.

Ludwig's Suicide.

BERLIN, 26.—At the trial of Herr Wickels, editor of the *Fraenkisch Volksblatt*, at the tribunal of Wurzburg for charging the Bavarian ministry with illtreating the late King, and forcing him to commit suicide, one witness declared he never remarked anything abnormal about Ludwig; that the latter had been impelled to commit suicide through the procedure of the commission examining him; that he heard Ludwig say: "I will not suffer them to declare me a madman like my brother Otho, whose keepers beat him with their fists. I will rather suffer death. My blood be upon those conspiring to betray me." The evidence caused a sensation in court. Wickels was sentenced to two months' imprisonment.

THE INDEPENDENT PARTY.

NEW POLITICAL ORGANIZATION IN IDAHO.

Minutes of a Territorial Convention of the Independent Party of Idaho, held at Franklin, Oneida County, Idaho, October 23d, 1886:

The delegates to the convention met at 12 m.

It was moved and carried that John Donaldson act as temporary chairman and Thomas Durant as temporary secretary. The following committee on credentials was then appointed by the chair: J. E. Fogg, H. Margetts and W. L. Webster.

The committee then proceeded to examine the credentials, and the following named delegates were reported as members to the convention: John Donaldson, Thomas Durant, Peter Mickelson, W. L. Webster—proxy, J. E. Fogg, R. L. Bybee, C. G. Rose, John C. Larson—proxy, Thomas Warrick, B. S. Dudley, J. A. Hunt, J. A. Hunt—proxy, R. S. Spence, H. Margetts, H. Margetts—proxy, H. Margetts—proxy, W. H. Homer, W. C. Hawkins and Jos. Dudley. The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The convention then proceeded to effect a permanent organization.

It was moved by W. S. Webster that the temporary organization be considered permanent. Carried unanimously.

W. H. Homer moved that W. L. Webster be Chaplain. Carried.

The convention opened with prayer by the Chaplain.

It was moved that a committee of five be appointed by the Chair, on resolutions and platform. Carried. The Chair appointed the following as said committee: R. S. Spence, R. L. Bybee, G. C. Parkinson, W. L. Webster, W. H. Homer.

The convention then adjourned till 4 p. m.

4 p. m.—The convention reassembled and while the committee were preparing their report, John Donaldson made some remarks, showing our present position and forcibly showing the necessity of organizing ourselves into a party separate and independent from all other political parties.

The committee on resolutions and platform then returned and presented the platform, which was unanimously adopted by the convention and the committee discharged.

W. L. Webster moved that the minutes of this convention be published in the *Salt Lake Daily Independent* and the *Utah Journal* and that 1,000 copies of the platform be printed. Carried.

Mr. Homer moved that we proceed to nominate a central committee, and that the committee be composed of three citizens from each of the counties of Bear Lake, Bingham, Oneida and Cassia, and that one member be chosen from each Commissioner's district. Carried. The members nominated for Bear Lake County were J. A. Hunt, R. S. Spence, Ed. Burgoyne; for Oneida County—Joseph Dudley, Isaac Thorne, W. L. Webster; for Bingham County—W. H. Homer, J. A. Eldridge, John Donaldson; for Cassia County—Horton D. Haight, R. L. Wood, John Bowler; for Carter County—George Harland.

It was moved by W. L. Webster that a finance committee of five be appointed by the chair. Carried.

The chair appointed as said committee—W. L. Webster, R. S. Spence, R. L. Bybee, H. D. Haight and George Harland.

Convention adjourned with prayer by the chaplain.

JOHN DONALDSON,
Chairman.
THOMAS DURANT,
Secretary.

PLATFORM.

Principles of the Independent Party of Idaho.

As light was evolved from darkness by the divine fiat in the beginning, so good is often brought out of evil by the omnipotent hand of Providence. The force of circumstances frequently implies actions and causes combinations which result in benefits that would not have occurred but for those apparently unfavorable events. In this light, we view the movements which have rendered necessary the formation of an Independent party in Southern Idaho. For fifteen years the people of this region, commonly known as Mormons, have voted for and sustained the Democratic party of Idaho. Through their influence that party has gained such victories as has crowned its struggles in the field of politics. Without their aid it could not have succeeded in battling with an unscrupulous and vigorous foe, but the party has become divided in sentiment in relation to the citizens who have been so faithful to its interest, and falsehoods of the basest kind have been circulated concerning our faith, our motives and our loyalty to the government. An anti-Mormon faction has sprung into existence, which, with singular infatuity, has fallen into the snare set by the Republicans to split up the Democracy. With their aid an infamous test oath was enacted for the purpose of preventing the exercise of the elective franchise by any member of the Mormon Church residing in the Territory. By their actions the party becomes so cowardly as to submit to the expulsion from a Territorial Convention of duly accredited delegates, because they represented Mormon citizens. By this means a large number of staunch Democrats were virtually shut out of the party, weakening it by loss of number and creating disgust in the breasts of all true Democrats who know no creed and recognize no religious distinctions in politics. This unwise and ungrateful course has rendered necessary for self-preservation and future actions, the organization of an independent party, in which no difference of faith will be a bar to membership. We, therefore, representing the citizens so unfairly treated, withdrawing all fellowship from every other political body, do organize and establish the INDEPENDENT PARTY OF IDAHO, and announce the following as our platform of principles:

ARTICLE 1.—We are the friends of law and order. We will uphold every constitutional and just enactment, whether national or local; but we are opposed to everything in the shape of a religious test in politics, and we pledge ourselves to work for the repeal of every statute and provision which infringes upon the rights of man and the immunities of citizens.

ARTICLE 2.—We dispute the right of the State to encroach upon the lawful domain of the church. We also deny the right of the church to dominate the State. Each has a sphere of its own, and neither should infringe on the other. Religious as well as civil liberty is a fundamental principle of our national system. Both are equally essential in a true Republican form of government. No sect should be singled out for state support, neither should any religious body be subjected to any hostility or oppression. Every religion under the sun should be entirely free until it invades natural rights or breaks out into overt acts against peace and good order, and all pretended laws that seek to bind the consciences of men are oppressive, unconstitutional and void.

ARTICLE 3.—We demand freedom of speech and of the press as a constitutional right. While no man, by voice or pen, should be permitted to libel another, a muzzle must not be placed upon men's mouths nor a fetter upon human thought. Every attempt to stifle free speech, however obnoxious may be the sentiment of the speaker, so long as he does not abet actual crime, is absolute tyranny and to be resisted by every free man. The right of all people to freely assemble, discuss their views and present their grievances must and shall be maintained.

ARTICLE 4.—We will maintain and struggle for the rights of local self-government. The officers of the Territories should be selected from the Territories. Each political division ought to be permitted to choose its own officials. All governments in all departments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed. The majority in each locality should rule. Every official should be responsible for his official acts to the citizens whose business he conducts, or whose interests he is appointed to subserve. Public officers are the servants, not the masters, of the people.

ARTICLE 5.—We are in favor of a low taxes consistent with public improvements. Economy in the administration of public affairs is essential to the public welfare. Dishonesty and fraud should be punished with rigor, and no officer who betrays his trust should continue in the public service. We are opposed to job work in every form. Exorbitant salaries to public servants are inconsistent with the general interest. All officials should be content with fair wages for fair work. The fee system is an avenue for much abuse. It should be abolished whenever just salaries can be consistently substituted.

ARTICLE 6.—We denounce ballot-box stuffing, illegal voting and political chicanery in every party.

ARTICLE 7.—We despise political cowardice, treachery and vacillation, and will stand by those who will fearlessly stand by us.

ARTICLE 8.—We will sustain for office good men and wise men only, who appear to us worthy of our vote and confidence.

ARTICLE 9.—We pledge ourselves to unite and struggle against every assault upon human freedom in the Territory, and to labor for the promotion of the public welfare and for the exercise of all the rights and privileges of citizenship by every law-abiding individual. We proclaim ourselves the friends of all who are lawfully battling for human freedom, and the foes of all who seek to oppress mankind and who place private and factional interest above the general welfare.

ARTICLE 10.—We are a local party, organized for local purposes and therefore abstain from touching upon national questions.

ARTICLE 11.—We invite true men of all shades of opinion, religious or political, who can endorse these sentiments, to join us in the good work of purifying the politics of Idaho, and establishing political independence, and pledge them a hearty and cordial support, and we invoke upon our efforts the benedictions of the Supreme Ruler of the Universe.

R. S. SPENCE,
Chairman.

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