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THE RECONSTRUCTION CONVENTION.

FOURTH DAY.

THURSDAY, JAN. 16, 1868.

The convention met at 11 A. M.—Judge Taliaferro presiding; seventy-eight delegates present.

A resolution by Finchbeck, (colored) of Orleans, providing for the daily sessions, viz: at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M., was adopted.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

The discussion of article 81 of the majority of the report involving the appointment or election of clerks of courts was resumed, Mr. Waples holding the floor.

A protracted debate ensued, Messrs. Crano, Ludeling, Crawford, McMillan, Harper and Brown taking part. The latter delegate offered as a substitute article 91 of the minority report, which was adopted:

ART. 91. The legislature shall divide the State into judicial districts, which shall remain unchanged for six years, and shall be subject to re-organization every six years.

The discussion of a motion to reconsider the adoption of the majority report, a delegate of the Mississippi convention appeared in the lobby and was invited to the platform.

The convention decided to reconsider the article, but without coming to a further vote adjourned to Friday, the 17th inst., at 11 A. M.

Climate Changes on the Earth.

(From DeWitt's Review.)

It is now pretty well established that the earth has two more motions than its diurnal and annual.

First, there is the diurnal motion, in which the globe turns on its axis every twenty-four hours, causing day and night.

Second, there is the annual motion round the sun, which takes 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, 57 seconds to accomplish.

Third, the motion of the whole solar system in space, that is, the planet and its satellites, stars, moving round what is supposed to be a central sun.

Fourth, a motion in which, through a long period of years, the poles of the earth are changed, the equatorial region in time becoming the polar region, and vice versa.

Through the influence of this motion we of the temperate zone are gradually approaching the equator; indeed it can be shown, from history, taking as a basis the polar region, which is the most advanced.

Many trees and plants—the vine and olive for instance—flourish in places were two thousand years ago they did not grow.

The change is so gradual and so slow that the longest-lived being cannot perceive it, but that the climatic change takes place is very evident, nevertheless.

Another evidence is adduced in the peculiarity of the animals, the remains of which have been found in the polar region, which only could have existed when that region had a much more equatorial bearing than it has at present.

The proof that tropical plants grow there is also undisputed. The bearing of ancient Chinese chronicles, which were written in the far east and west, but which now differ materially from those points, is said to be another proof of this terrestrial change.

The phenomena called the procession of the equinoxes, in virtue of which the first point of Aries recedes upon the ecliptic about fifty seconds in a year, gradually causing a complete change in the seasons; and, counting from any given time, there is at least 100 years between the seasons can return to precisely the same periods of the year.

It has been ascertained, so it is asserted, that up to the year 1248 of the Christian era, a very heavy layer of winter precisely coincided with the earth's passage through its perihelion, the temperature of the southern hemisphere had been in constant course of diminution.

And it is moreover, made plain, according to the calculation, that after the lapse of 10,500 years the seasons on our globe will be exactly reversed.

"Therefore about 10,500 years before the year 1248, or 11,250 years before the present time, it was in its maximum of refrigeration; our present continents were then submerged, according to the Mosiac account of the deluge, in a sea, however, chronologically considered, we interpret the Bible too literally, as many who interpret it for themselves often do—there were continents unknown to us in the southern hemisphere."

And again, by the same astronomical calculations, 10,500 years after the last cataclysm, a new one will occur, which will again submerge the northern hemisphere and allow a new world to emerge from the southern ocean.

It is with this motion of the earth we have to deal when treating on the deluvian phenomena.

After having contracted for a large quantity of iron plating for breast plates, from the Sanitary known as the "Gibraltar shield," and having shipped supplies of this plating to Malta, Gibraltar and Bermuda, the English ordnance authorities were compelled, by the clamor of the press, to give the "shield" a practical trial.

The shield was a practical trial, and was eminently satisfactory. The shield was composed of three layers of iron, of an aggregate thickness of twelve inches. One shell from a nine-inch gun went entirely through the target, the trial, and three other projectiles from that gun, and one from the American Rodman, reduced the shield to a miserable condition of wreck. The plates were chipped and split, the girders smashed, and the target was shattered. Showers of splinters, nuts, portions of projectiles and bits of plates were sent whirling to the rear, and, as was generally observed, it would have been far better to have a gun detachment to serve its guns outside such a "defense" than within it.

Some time ago a little daughter of a Mr. Bowers mysteriously disappeared from Sandusky, Ohio, and was supposed to have been stolen by gypsies. Since then the father and mother of the child have been constantly searching for the lost one, but without success. They have once or twice obtained traces of a gypsy family traveling with a mule team, and having with them a white child, but have not been able to overtake them. The mother writes: "We have found five or six children, and we have seen many more, but have not been able to find the child we are looking for. We are now in the city of New Orleans, and we are looking for the child."

GRANT'S SONS—A Washington special to the Cincinnati Enquirer says that Grant's enemies are developing some of his alleged short-comings. One of these is the restoration of the army of Major Lynde, a relation of his father-in-law. Gen. Grant Lynde was discharged from the army for the surrender of Fort Mifflin to an inferior force of Confederates in 1861. They also animadvert on his habits, and declare that recently his indulgence in oysters has had some effect on him, as in "folly" taking a walk. He is reported to have been "taken" by a "batman," who was duty bound to log the children. When the youngest child cries he designates this a "foul habit," and orders the servant to stop it. A few evenings since he met the hired girl in company with her "feller" taking a walk. He told her to make a "short stop" on such proceedings, and warning her against being "caught out" as again, told her to "make the home base" as quick as possible.

BASE BALL IN THE FAMILY.—An exchange tells of a man who became so infatuated with the game of base ball, that he insisted on running the "home" company with her "feller" taking a walk. He being quite numerous, are assigned their respective positions, and the servant ordered to take the "first base." His wife, whose word "none dare dispute," is styled "umpire," and himself "batman," who is duty bound to log the children. When the youngest child cries he designates this a "foul habit," and orders the servant to stop it. A few evenings since he met the hired girl in company with her "feller" taking a walk. He told her to make a "short stop" on such proceedings, and warning her against being "caught out" as again, told her to "make the home base" as quick as possible.

Dispatches from Alexandria, Egypt, January 9th, say that late advices from the British Abyssinian expedition have been received, stating that hands of Narva, supposed to be hostiles, were prowling around the English camp at Henafee. In consequence of this manifestation, orders had been issued for all European troops stationed at Henafee to join the different points along the front and in the interior, to advance to the front and join the headquarters division at Henafee.

Mrs. Davis.—The Clinton Democrat says that Mrs. Davis, on his way to Mississippi, made short visit to his sister, Mrs. Smith, in the parish of West Feliciana. A number of citizens from the neighboring town of Jackson called on him, and were kindly received.

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