

THE OREGONIAN'S DISPATCHES. FROM WASHINGTON.

The McCord Case Goes Over.

THE DEFEAT OF THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION.

A MOTION AGAINST THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE IMPEACHMENT COURT.

MOTION OVERRULED.

THE ANSWER OF THE PRESIDENT.

HE CLAIMS HIS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO REMOVE STANTON HOSTILE TO THE ADMINISTRATION.

THE PRESIDENT DEFIANTLY CLAIMS FREEDOM OF SPEECH.

The Managers' Reply to be Ready To-Day.

THE PRESIDENT ASKS FOR THIRTY DAYS DELAY.

THE REQUEST REFUSED.

Scene in the Impeachment Court.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The decision of the McCord case goes over to next term by a vote of 6 to 2. Ground of postponement pending legislation effecting jurisdiction.

The defeat of the Arkansas Constitution is by actual votes next Monday. The Panama Railroad Company have paid the Colombian government \$1,000,000 for a new contract.

The Senate, on motion, ordered 350 copies daily, and finally 5000 copies, of the impeachment proceedings to be printed.

The bill making appropriation for expenses of impeachment was referred to the committee on contingent expenses.

The bill to reorganize the State department was referred to the committee on reorganization.

The bill to reorganize the Circuit Courts of the United States was referred to the judiciary committee.

At 12:30 Wade announced suspension of business for impeachment. The order was argued until 1 o'clock, when Chase proclaimed the court open.

The Journal was read, the managers inquired of the president's consent, etc. Davis submitted a motion that the Senate, as constituted, did not constitute an impeachment court as contemplated by the Constitution, ten states, without their consent, being ignored.

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Estimated sales 10,000 bales. Middling uplands 10 1/4, middling Orleans 10 1/2. Broadstaple quiet, unchanged.

LIVERPOOL, March 23.—Evensing.—Cotton quiet. Prices unchanged. Sales 19,000 bales. Middling uplands 10 1/4, middling Orleans 10 1/2. All markets dull.

NEW YORK, March 23.—Cotton quiet and easier. Sales 1200 bales. Middling uplands 24 1/2. Flour active, but unchanged. Southern 25 @ 26 1/2. Wheat dull and unchanged. Corn—No. 2 Western 31 1/2 @ 32; Southern 31 1/2 @ 32. Pork 15 1/2 @ 16. Lard 10 1/2 @ 11. Sugar 11 1/2 @ 12. Coffee 17 1/2 @ 18. Gold closed lower, 138 1/2. Five-twentieths of '62, coupons, 110.

NEW YORK, March 23.—Money closed active and tight but less so. Minimum on call 7 1/2 per cent. Bank discounts 4 1/2. Exchange on London, proposition to issue \$10,000,000 three per cent. clearing house certificates in exchange for 7.30s at 16.

NEW YORK, March 23.—Freights to New Orleans advanced, and corn and oats declined in consequence. Tobacco market unchanged. Flour quiet. 50 @ 52.50. Wheat—fall red 35 @ 37. Hye 35 @ 36.50. Oats 7 1/2 @ 7.50. Barley 2 1/2 @ 2.75. Hye shoulders 11 1/2, clear ribbed sides 14 1/2, clear sides 15 1/2. Bulk shoulders 10 1/2. Ham 13 1/2. Clear sides 13 1/2. Lard 10 1/2. Weather clear and very warm.

NEW YORK, March 23.—Cotton—Demand limited. Market closed steady; middlings 24 @ 24 1/2; sales 900 bales. Receipts 700 bales. Exports 3500 bales.

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Local Intelligence.

REPUBLICAN CITY.—During the month of February the revenue of the city paid 35 bonds of the consolidated debt, amounting to \$35,000. The same came due on the 15th September, 1864. The following were also paid: Interest on coupons paid in February, \$23,760; interest on coupons of old city, \$175; interest on coupons of municipality No. 2, \$150; interest on railroad coupons, \$10,740; making a total of \$78,825 paid in February. Jake says that Spaulding must have had the federal office-holder of these notes in prophetic view when he said:

And he's holding these notes in prophetic view when he said: "That God will break the word of their promise to the ear, and break it to the hope."

See! The doctor catch the fair "A" "B" "C" who was paroled during a portion of Butler's pro-consulship in this city, and who witnessed his efficiency as street commissioner, proposes that every head of family place a superfluous silver spoon into a common tin for the purpose of inducing Ben to return to his old position and assume Baker's office.

Another explosion of a coal oil lamp occurred about 9 o'clock Saturday night, on Rochester street, between the houses of No. 11 and No. 13. The magnificent steamer of Eagle Fire Company No. 7 suffered extensive damage on Saturday night last, by falling into a hole corner of Washington and Natchez streets, which had been excavated for the purpose of widening the company. The accident happened while the machine was returning from the incipient fire at the corner of Poydras and the levee.

Mayor Heath was absent from his office yesterday, on a short visit to Tangipahoa.

The temperature, yesterday, as shown by the thermometer at C. Duhamel's, corner Bienville and Chartres streets, was as follows: At 6 A. M., 57; at 11 A. M., 71; at 5 P. M., 74; at 8 P. M., 75.

Fresh mail has arrived in town, being brought from Savannah.

THE DEPARTMENT OF REV. DR. BECKWITH.—On Thursday Rev. Dr. Beckwith set out for Savannah, Ga., by way of Mobile, there to be consecrated the historic pulpit vacated by the death of Light Rev. Bishop Elliott. As had been anticipated, the congregation which gathered together in Trinity Church on Sunday morning was the largest ever assembled there. Rev. Albert Lyon, of Chartaux, and Rev. Dr. Dowd, of this city, were present in the chancel and assisted in the services.

At the close of the reading of the gospel for the day, the Rev. Dr. Beckwith, in a few words of affectionate farewell, asking his congregation to bestow upon his successor all the devotion which had been shown him who was now about to leave them. He reminded them that within less than three years the number of communicants in the congregation had increased from a mere handful to some five hundred, and that within that period over sixty thousand dollars had been collected and disbursed in the good of the church or in the cause of the Christian. With the same energy the departing rector trusted his flock would rally around his new pastor.

The sermon which followed was purely a doctrinal one, and after its conclusion the Holy Sacrament was administered to a large number of communicants.

The Rev. J. H. D. Wingfield, of Portsmouth, Va., has received a unanimous call from the parish vacated by Dr. Beckwith's departure. He is said to have signified his willingness to accept the call, if it should be made. The formal acceptance had not, however, been received by the vestry. Dr. Beckwith, Rev. Mr. Wingfield, has also received a call from St. Paul's Church, Petersburg, Va.

RETURN OF MANAGER BIRDWELL.—A dispatch from New York has been received by Dr. Spaulding of the Academy of Music, informing him of the arrival there on the 21st inst. from Paris, of the celebrated French artist, M. Birdwell, who is to direct to St. Louis, and from there will come to New Orleans, arriving here about two weeks from this time.

FRANCAIS REUNION.—By a fortunate circumstance, four or five copies of the press foundry of the city, which had been recently destroyed, were saved and are now in the possession of the City Hotel, demonstrating most substantially their appreciation of the courtesy of their host, Col. Morse. There was an abundance of good beer, good wine and good food, and the evening was passed in a most enjoyable manner. The evening arrangements that in rising from that festive board, we evinced those fortunate ones whose lot is always cast in such pleasant places.

THE PONCHARTRAIN RAILROAD EXTENSION.—The work of laying the track of the Ponchartrain railroad extension along the levee from Elysian Fields street in the Third District, to Girod street in the Second District, has progressed as far as Canal street, and will probably be completed within ten days. Meanwhile, the depot buildings at the foot of Girod street are in process of construction, the foundation being laid and part of the walls erected. The entire arrangement will be ready in time for the summer traffic and travel over the lake to the watering places.

FIRE.—Saturday night about two o'clock a fire broke out in the kitchen of the confectionery on Dryades street, near the Mechanics' Institute, and spread to the kitchen and the upper story of the main building. The flames were confined almost entirely to the confectionery, as the building is separated from the Mechanics' Institute by a vacant lot, and from the rear of the store by a narrow alleyway. The fire was extinguished through the block from Baronne to Dryades streets. The back windows of the kitchen of one of the stores caught fire, however, but the fire department were so prompt in arriving on the spot, that the fire was extinguished before it had spread to the rear of the store. The loss of the goods of the store was soon ascertained. The confectionery, which was formerly known as Menezier's, belonged to G. Bouteron, and was, at the time of the fire, in the hands of his clerk. The damage done to the stock was fully covered by insurance, and to the extent of \$3000. The damage to the building was about three thousand dollars.

YESTERDAY about three o'clock the alarm was rung for a fire originating in the third story of the building occupied by the late store of Mrs. A. Arvey, corner of Chartres and Canal streets. The fire broke out in the kitchen, and spread to the upper story of the main building. The flames were confined almost entirely to the confectionery, as the building is separated from the Mechanics' Institute by a vacant lot, and from the rear of the store by a narrow alleyway. The fire was extinguished through the block from Baronne to Dryades streets. The back windows of the kitchen of one of the stores caught fire, however, but the fire department were so prompt in arriving on the spot, that the fire was extinguished before it had spread to the rear of the store. The loss of the goods of the store was soon ascertained. The confectionery, which was formerly known as Menezier's, belonged to G. Bouteron, and was, at the time of the fire, in the hands of his clerk. The damage done to the stock was fully covered by insurance, and to the extent of \$3000. The damage to the building was about three thousand dollars.

THE KUESTERER AFFAIR.—Abraham Fabre, colored man arrested as the party who attacked the Kuesterer family, in their own house, situated on the Gentilly Road, near the Fair Grounds, several weeks ago, is about thirty-five years of age, a plasterer by trade, and is said to have come here from Hancock county, Miss. At the time of his arrest he was residing at No. 85 Claiborne street. Recorder Lester yesterday took the affidavit of the girl Frederon Bruche against Fabre, and stands charged with the violation of the house of the Kuesterers burglariously, with the larceny of a sum of money from the premises, and with attempting to murder her and other members of the family. The examination of the charge will not take place until all the issues of the case, competent to give evidence, are able to appear in court. It is expected that such facts will then be elicited as will enable the public to form some sort of opinion in regard to this very mysterious case about which there have been so many contradictory statements.

HOMICIDE.—An inquest was held yesterday, at the Marine Hospital, upon the body of a negro, about forty-five years of age, who was brought to the institution on the 20th inst., with his left high fractured by a gun-shot wound. The injury was unattended, but genuine following, the man