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NOTES AND NEWS.

W. B. Astor's estate is valued at \$100,000,000—the largest in America. The barrelling of the Chicago woman proved to have been a case of body snatching.

Bernum has raised a million dollars for a contemplated show to open in Philadelphia next year.

Charles A. Dana is proposed as a candidate for the Presidency on the anti-Beecher ticket.

Bén. Badaou has declined the mission to Belgium preferring to remain consul general to London.

"Dad" or "The Old Man in the Country" is an, as yet, undiscovered party connected with the Missouri whiskey ring.

France crows over the fact that its annual sale of eggs amounts to one-third the value of America's average wheat crop.

The first annual fair of Dakota was a financial success. After paying all premiums and expenses \$44.02 remain in the treasury.

Col. Valentine Baker, soldier and general, is said to have offered his sword to the Emperor of Russia, and that monarch is said to have accepted it.

John Morrissey has bought the pool-selling privileges from the Louisville Jockey Club at Louisville, Ky., for five years, at \$10,000 per year. The club gives, two meetings, each of six days, a year.

L. Ed. Davidson, a Minneapolis printer of experience and ability, has assumed control of the Detroit Record. Detroit presents a fine opening for a live newspaper man and Davidson will undoubtedly fill the bill.

Two old friends, Harpin Davis and James Middleton, got into a quarrel at Helena, Montana, a few days since, when Davis ran for his shot gun and let the impulsive sunshine beyond the pearly gates into his chum. That's the sort of a Harpin he was.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—The Republicans of the left to-day elected seven of the eleven Senators for life. The defection of the legitimists from the right gives the opposition the majority in the Assembly. McMahon is disgusted, the city excited, and the Bourse alarmed.

Secretary Chaudler says over five hundred applications were made for the appointment of Commissioner of Indian Affairs but he spent six weeks in fruitless search before he could find any man in whom he had the people's confidence who was willing to take it.

The Mayor of New York city has a salary of \$12,000 per year, which is more than the combined salaries of nine States, namely: Connecticut, \$2,000; Delaware, \$1,333; Illinois, \$1,500; Michigan, \$1,500; Nebraska, \$1,000; New Hampshire, \$1,000; Oregon, \$1,500; Rhode Island, \$1,000; Vermont, \$1,000; total of nine States, \$11,833.

A special telegram from Madrid to the London daily News says: The Spanish note to the United States promises gradual emancipation; increased freedom of conscience; that foreigners, when arrested, shall have immediate hearing; that legal redress shall be obtainable for past injuries. Great anxiety exists in Madrid regarding the reception of the note in Washington. The note is Spain's ultimatum.

It having been frequently asserted that the President appointed McDonald Revenue Supervisor solely upon the score of personal friendship, the Washington Republican prints a column of letters from Governors, Members of Congress, Generals, prominent politicians and business men, highly recommending him to the President as a fit person to hold the position, and eminently deserving.

Gen. Hancock, in his annual report, says in reference to the establishment of a national park in Mackinac, Mich., authorized at the last session of Congress, that the preliminary steps necessary to carry out the provisions of the act, have been taken, under instructions from the War Department. He recommends that in view of the establishment of the park and the additional labor which will devolve thereby upon the garrison, certain additions and repairs be made to the public quarters at Fort Mackinac, for the purpose of posting another company there.

DEMOCRATS AND THE COMMON SCHOOLS.

THEY AGREE TO GRANT'S SUGGESTED AMENDMENT.

Henderson's Offensive Remarks—Col. Broadhead his Successor.

Terrible Dynamite Explosion—Sixty Killed, Many Terribly Wounded.

FIVE THOUSAND HUMAN SKELETONS; VICTIMS OF THE INQUISITION.

Sensation in Maine—Alleged Anti-Catholic Organization.

MORE TIME FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE N. P. ASKED.

Randall to Commence the Annual Raid on the Army.

Other Interesting Miscellaneous News.

THE INDIAN OFFICE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—John Q. Smith the newly appointed Commissioner of Indian Affairs, took possession of the Indian Bureau Saturday.

SENSIBLE DEMOCRATS.

The Democrats in their caucus to-day will agree to a constitutional amendment regarding the public schools as recommended by the President in his message.

HENDERSON'S SUCCESSOR.

Col. James O. Broadhead, of St. Louis, has been appointed assistant counsel for the Government in place of ex-Senator Henderson. The members of the Cabinet freely express themselves commensurate of Henderson's energy in prosecuting the whiskey suits, but agree that his language in the Avery trial was

EXCEEDINGLY OFFENSIVE

to the President, with reference to countermanding Douglas' order for exchange of revenue supervisors and collectors by which the whiskey frauds would have been earlier discovered, which remarks were unwarranted by any circumstances of the Avery trial. He further intimated that investigation by the House of every fact connected with the whiskey cases would be unaided by the administration.

NORTHERN PACIFIC.

Senator McMillan introduced a bill giving the Northern Pacific ten years extension of time for the completion of the road.

CONFIDENTIAL RAID.

Randall will introduce a bill at an early day cutting down the army from twenty-five to fifteen thousand men.

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION.

New York, Dec. 13.—The Bremen steamship Mosell had embarked passengers at Bremerhafen Saturday, being about to sail for this city, when a portion of the baggage on the quay was accidentally dropped and a case of dynamite concealed in the baggage was exploded by concussion, and fifty persons on the quay were instantly killed and a large number terribly injured. Among the killed were two passengers of the Mosell, the remainder were laborers on docks and tugs and friends of passengers. The steamship lay half a mile from the quay receiving baggage from tugs but was slightly injured by the explosion and did not sail till Sunday.

VICTIMS OF THE INQUISITION.

PANAMA, Dec. 13.—Repairs to the San Andre hospital, at Lima, Peru, being necessary one of the walls was thrown down last week when the laborers found it hollow and filled with human remains. They appear to be 150 to 200 years old and the skeletons number four or five thousand. Large quantities of women's hair, dresses and boots and shoes were found among the remains. The hospital was built in 1657 and is supposed to have been the seat of the court of inquisition for about fifty years.

THE BREMER EXPLOSION.

BRERHAVEN, Dec. 12.—Fifty-seven persons were killed in the explosion Saturday, and thirty-three seriously wounded. The men who delivered the dynamite had planned its explosion on board the ship during the passage.

BABCOCK.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Gen. Babcock gave bail Saturday in the sum of \$7000 for his appearance at St. Louis.

A DEMOCRATIC SENSATION.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The politicians are interested by the publication in a Maine Democratic paper of a letter purporting to be from John G. Foster, editor of the Newark, N. J., Courier, describing the existence of a secret anti-Catholic political society likely to have an influence on the Republican nominations next year, declaring Grant to be a member, and advising Blaine to join. Foster was in Washington Sunday, spending nearly all day with Blaine, and does not deny that he wrote to Blaine about the school system and Catholicism, but asserts that while his letter might be distorted into a similarity with that published his remembrance of the original is that it was entirely different. Both Blaine and Foster are said to be worried and neither can explain the circumstance of publication.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

-BRAINED, Dec. 13.—Wm. Schaup, formerly of Long Prairie, climbing a tree Saturday to watch deer exploded his gun and was instantly killed.

THE HOUSE.

adjourned to-day until Tuesday, intending to hold a caucus Monday for arranging the committee.

HENDERSON'S OUTRAGE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—After a Cabinet consultation upon a sworn copy of ex-Senator Henderson's speech at the trial of Avery at St. Louis, the Attorney General notified the district attorney that it was regarded by every member of the Cabinet as an outrage upon professional propriety to thus reflect without a shadow of reason upon the President, and directed the discharge of Henderson from further service.

BABCOCK.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—On the assembling of the Court of Inquiry, this morning, Gen. W. S. Hancock read a paper setting forth his opinion that the inquiry should be deferred until after Babcock's trial in St. Louis should be ended. At the conclusion of the reading of Gen. Hancock's paper, Judge Advocate Gardner presented a communication from Gen. Babcock, requesting the court to adjourn for the present in order that he might appear at St. Louis to answer to the indictment. Thereupon the court determined to adjourn from day to day, with the view of submitting to the War Department whether it should adjourn until the close of the St. Louis trial.

THE MESSAGE ENDORSED.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The Times in a leading article this morning endorses the President's arguments, in his message contained, and says that intervention in Cuba may become justifiable through Spain's inability to restore order.

THE COURT OF INQUIRY.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—The Babcock Court of Inquiry met yesterday at noon, and decided to hold open sessions, and adjourned until noon to-day on account of absent witnesses.

THE ARREST.

St. Louis, Dec. 11.—A copy was sent to Chicago, yesterday, for the arrest of Gen. Babcock.

CONFIDENCE IS GRANT.

Nineteen members of the Grand Jury which has been investigating the whiskey frauds, all that were present at the time, a part of whom were Democrats, have signed a letter to the President, expressing esteem for him, confidence in his integrity, and appreciation of the wisdom, patriotism and independence displayed by him in directing measures necessary for detecting and correcting the frauds upon the revenue.

INDICTMENT OF BABCOCK.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The indictment of Gen. Babcock at St. Louis has been officially reported to the Attorney General.

THE SENATE.

adjourned yesterday until Monday.

THE COMMITTEES.

remain about the same as last year.

AN INEBRIATE ASYLUM.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 11.—The Supreme Court of Minnesota having confirmed the constitutionality of the law levying a special tax of ten dollars on all persons engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors, for the purpose of erecting and maintaining an Inebriate Asylum, Governor Davis has appointed a board of directors who will proceed to erect the asylum at Rochester. There is already ten thousand dollars in the State Treasury belonging to this fund, and thirty thousand due from liquor sellers, most of which will be paid.

THE UNION LEAGUE.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9.—The Union League of this city yesterday at a council adopted a declaration of principles embodying the principal recommendations embraced in the President's message.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The Message.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The President's message was read in Congress yesterday afternoon.

The message opens with a brief review of the advance made by the country in the first century of our nation's independence in industrial progress. He then presents the opening of the second century as an appropriate time to study what is most needed for the good of the nation, and urges the necessity of

POPULAR EDUCATION, and recommends a constitutional amendment requiring each State to afford opportunities for a good common school education for every child, prohibiting sectarian teaching in any school supported or partly supported from the public funds, and making education so far

COMPULSORY as to prohibit persons who cannot read and write from voting or becoming voters after 1890.

DISFRANCHISING NONE, however, who are already voters when the amendment takes effect.

TAXATION OF CHURCHES. Next he considers the large amount of property accumulating by churches, and untaxed, and recommends a constitutional declaration that

CHURCH AND STATE are forever separate, each free within its proper sphere, and all church property to bear its proportion of taxation, cemeteries only to be exempt, and suggests action toward limiting the value of church edifices if remaining exempt.

CUBA. The Cuban situation is discussed at length with reference to recognition of the independence or belligerency of the Cuban insurgents, the conclusion being that recognition of either would not be justified by existing facts, but the

PROLONGED CONTEST, injurious to other nations and revolting to the civilized world, must sooner or later

LEAD TO INTERVENTION by this or some other government unless mediation is accepted by both parties to the strife. While he does not recommend intervention, he is ready as the

EQUAL FRIEND

of both parties to respond to the suggestion of the United States an honorable peace may be brought about. The Spanish Government has submitted proposals which may form a

BASIS OF AGREEMENT for the removal of all causes of complaint by this country.

BUT should our hopes for a satisfactory adjustment of our affairs and the early restoration of peace in Cuba be disappointed, the President will make a further communication to Congress, with recommendations, during the present session.

MEXICAN AFFAIRS.

Regarding Mexican free traders encouraging smuggling and border depredations, representations have been addressed to the Mexican Government, but

WITHOUT APPARENT EFFECT, and the experiment of naval patrol of the Rio Grande is being tried, the military force being inadequate to guard the line even at the few points where the

INCURSION OF THIEVES and crossing of smugglers is usually made.

OTHER RELATIONS.

With other powers the relations of the Government are eminently satisfactory.

FRAUDS.

On naturalization and exportation are treated at length, cases of which are frequently brought to the attention of the Government through our consular and diplomatic representatives, and legislation guarding against such frauds is recommended.

SPECIE PAYMENTS.

The better to reach the objects sought to be accomplished by the act providing specie payments in 1879, repeal of so much of the legal tender acts as make those notes tender for debts contracted after January 1st, 1877, is recommended, and that the Treasury be authorized to redeem two million dollars legal tender notes monthly by issuing long bonds, bearing interest at the rate of 3.55 per annum. It is also recommended that the Treasury be given the power to accumulate gold for final redemption by retarding expenses and increasing the revenue. The restoration of the

TARIFF ON TEA AND COFFEE is recommended, and the addition of other articles to the free list which are materials for manufacturers.

VERIFYING CLAIMS.

A better method for verifying claim.

against the Government is needed, especially for claims arising from the late war. Claims allowed, being proven by testimony according to present laws, are

GENERALLY FRAUDULENT, being in amount more than the individuals making the claims ever had to lose.

The President indorses the following

WAR DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: That \$300,000 subsidized appropriations be made available for supplying distant posts prior to the beginning of the next fiscal year.

The emolument system of annuities for families of deceased officers to be succeeded by voluntary deduction from monthly pay.

Repeal the law abolishing mileage, and return to the old system.

Appropriation for trial of torpedoes by engineer corps.

Permanent organization of the signal service corps.

Renewal of appropriation for compiling official records of the war.

THE NAVY.

This branch of the public service is described as being in a generally improved condition, but in the opinion of the President it would at this time be wise at once to afford means for the immediate completion of the five double-turreted monitors now undergoing repairs slowly, from the savings of the Department. Over fifty effective war ships, including fifteen monitors, are now on hand on the Atlantic coast.

BLACK HILLS.

The President says the discovery of gold in the Black Hills has had the effect to induce a large immigration of miners to that point. Thus far the efforts to protect the rights of the Indians of that section has been successful, but

NEXT YEAR

will certainly witness a large increase of such immigration. Negotiations for the relinquishment of the gold fields having failed, it will be necessary for Congress to adopt some measures to relieve the embarrassments which have grown out of the situation. The

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

suggests that the supplies now necessary for the sustenance of that people being no longer obligatory under the treaty of 1868, but simply a gratuity, they may be issued or withheld at his discretion. In

CONCLUSION

the President notes the evidence of good will on the part of foreign powers, as shown in their preparations for the Centennial celebration. He briefly refers to polygamy in Utah, and importation of

CHINESE WOMEN,

with vigorous recommendations of legislative measures against both, and closes with a recapitulation of his recommendations ending with the recommended enactment of such laws as will ensure a speedy return to a

SOUND CURRENCY,

such as will command the respect of the world.

THE NEW COMMISSIONER.

John A. Smith, ex-Member of Congress from Ohio, was yesterday appointed Indian Commissioner, vice E. P. Smith, resigned.

BABCOCK.

Gen. Babcock left yesterday for Chicago to appear before the Court of Inquiry.

WRECKED.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Ninety passengers of the Steamship Dutchland, wrecked off the Essex coast, are yet unaccounted for. Most of them are Germans from the United States.

MOLLY MAGUIRE MURDERS.

POTTSVILLE, PA., Dec. 11.—Three Molly Maguire murders near Mahoney City were reported yesterday. The victims were two men and one woman. They were shot by masked men, it is supposed, to prevent their giving evidence concerning former murders. The killed are Chas. O'Donnell and a Mr. McAllister and sister. Frank Ulrich, a merchant in good standing at Mahoney City, was arrested as one of the murderers.

"NO WHITES HURT."

VICKSBURG, Dec. 11.—A riot occurred yesterday at Rolling Fork, originating in an attempt on the part of the negroes to rescue one of their number arrested on account of a difficulty with a white man. Seven negroes were killed, including their leaders, and a large number wounded. The negroes in the vicinity have fled to the woods. No whites hurt.

A REFLECTION.

Ex-Senator Henderson being accused of reflecting upon the President in his speech for the Avery prosecution, has sent a certified copy of the speech to Washington, and denies any intention of assailing the President.

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