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WEATHER REPORT.
INDICATIONS FOR SUNDAY.—For the Middle Atlantic States, cloudy and threatening.

For the South Atlantic States, colder, clear, or partly cloudy weather, northerly winds, and higher temperature and higher pressure.

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PERSONAL.—A great pleasure is in store this week for those who go to see the Flowers in the Valley.

It is a thoroughly amusing play, and gives, though in an exaggerated way, an idea of the arts and wiles of Washington lobbyists.

They appear Thursday night.

Colonel Albert Gray, formerly of this city, has been appointed by Mr. Schleicher, of Texas, who is chairman of the House Committee on Roads and Canals, clerk of that committee.

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portunity of observing him closely for several years in his official capacity. I can truly say that he has discharged his duties well.

He has been a staunch advocate of the pecuniary interests of the county, scrutinizing closely the claims brought against the county, and opposing all such claims as appear unwarrantably legal.

I think the Board of Supervisors will bear testimony to his zeal in this direction.

In the prosecution of offenders against the law, I think great credit should be awarded him. His efficiency and ability as a prosecutor have lately been brought to my attention by the report of his conduct of the prosecution in the case of the Commonwealth against James L. Littlepage in Henrico County Court.

Considering the number and variety of cases which he has had to deal with, and the fact that he has been so long in the service of the Commonwealth, it is not surprising that he has been so successful.

He has been so successful in his prosecution of offenders against the law, that he has been able to secure the conviction of many of the most notorious criminals in the county.

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SATURDAY NIGHT'S NEWS.

An interesting day in the House of Representatives.

THE ARMY BILL UP BUT NOT DISPOSED OF.—WHAT SOME OF THE VIRGINIA MEMBERS HAD TO SAY.—THE PRESIDENT AND THE PONCA INDIANS.—CHARLES STRAHL, THE ALLEGED MURDERER OF HENRY GETZ, PAWNING HIS EFFECTS.—ARTHUR B. FORWOOD ELECTED MAYOR OF LIVERPOOL.—THE TOLEDO SUNDAY JOURNAL ATTACHED TO A LIBELLOUS PUBLICATION.—SNUFF-MILLS BURNED IN PENNSYLVANIA.—THE RECENT OUTRAGE ON UNITED STATES CONSUL GRIFFIN.—THEATRE AT PITTSBURGH PARTLY BURNED.—A SNOW-STORM AT PUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.—REPUBLICAN SENATORIAL CAUCUS IN WASHINGTON, &c., &c.

Washington.

THE ARMY BILL FINISHED UP.—SPEECHES OF THE VIRGINIA MEMBERS.—A QUIET SESSION OF THE SENATE.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, November 10.—The House finished up the army bill to-day in Committee of the Whole, and it is now ready to be reported to the House for final action.

Its main features are essentially the same as the committee reported, with the exception of the amendment adopted yesterday allowing the cavalry regiments to be recruited to their maximum strength for service upon the Texas and Indian frontiers.

An amendment was offered to-day similar to the one passed last year in the regular bill prohibiting any use of the troops for political purposes. Strange to say, it only received about thirty-seven Democratic votes. Six of them were from Virginia—to wit, Hunton, Cabell, Tucker, Walker, Douglas, and Priderome. Mr. Goode made a speech against it, basing his objection on the ground mainly of the President's conciliatory policy, and he and Mr. Harris voted against it.

The Senate had another quiet session. Next week, however, there is a probability of some lively debates in the Senate. It is expected that the Senate Committee on Finance will report the Bland silver-bill essentially as it came from the House. An effort will be made in the Senate to amend it so to make silver a legal tender for fifty dollars only, and this will provoke debate.

[Associated Press Reports by telegraph to the Dispatch.]

THE WESTERN JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA.

WASHINGTON, November 10.—Since the bill introduced by Mr. Waddell to abolish the Western judicial district, which district is now the Carolina people are asking through senators and members of Congress from that State to have a congressional investigation of the official acts of the officers of that district, or ask the President to remove them rather than abolish the district. An investigation is pending against Collector Young, of the Fourth North Carolina collection district.

THE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.—THE PRESIDENT'S SOUTHERN POLICY AND CIVIL-SERVICE REFORM DISCUSSED.

The Republican senators had a caucus to-day of unusual long duration, which concluded at about noon till after 5 o'clock. It was called for the purpose of exchanging views upon the political situation, and was very fully attended.

The topics discussed were the so-called southern policy and civil-service reform of the present administration with special reference to the Louisiana contest and sundry nominations, such as the New York custom-house appointments, now before a committee of the Senate for examination. No action was taken on any of the questions, however, freely interchanged by nearly all the senators present, showing that a majority were not in accord with the views and actions of the President on one or the other of both subjects discussed; but there were less than a majority disposed to make any formal issue with him, such a course not being, in the judgment of a greater number, expedient in a party point of view, or called for by public interests, under the present circumstances. The expression of opinions to-day were more than ordinarily free and explicit, there being special pledges that the utterances of individual members should not be made known to the public.

OBITUARY.—THE LOUISIANA CASE.

General Thomas A. Spence, assistant superintendent of the Railway Service, is dead.

At the meeting of the Committee on Privileges and Elections to be held on Monday next the following resolution will be submitted by Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts:

Resolved, That after hearing such evidence as the committee shall deem expedient the committee will report to the Senate its conclusion upon the following questions:

First. Were the persons holding certificates from the Returning Board of Louisiana alone entitled to vote in the election of senator at the time Kellogg claims to have been elected?

Second. Can any subsequent events affect the legality of an election held on the 10th of January, 1877?

Third. Did the Returning Board act fraudulently in determining the question to whom they should award certificates?

Fourth. Whether the persons who voted in the election of Kellogg were such persons as would in fact have been entitled to have seats by the respective houses on a fair and just trial and decision of each case on its merits.

THE PUBLIC PRINTER.—PONCA INDIANS.

The Committee on Printing has reported to the House favorably on a bill to amend the Public Printer.

The President, in replying to the Ponca Indian chiefs, who are dissatisfied with their present location in the Indian Territory, promises them better land in that Territory, but cannot send them back to their old reservation, as they desire, because that occupied by white people. The Ponca chiefs complain that bad white men steal their cattle.

APPOINTMENT.

The appointment of George A. Sheridan as collector of internal revenue for the Louisiana district has been determined upon.

XLVTH CONGRESS.—Extra Session.

WASHINGTON, November 10, 1877.

SENATE.

The Senate was not in session to-day.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The House to-day finished the consideration of the army bill in Committee of the Whole, when another amendment was adopted, limiting the force of the army to its present number, but directing four cavalry regiments, with 100 men to each company, to be stationed in Texas. This was found, after the bill was reported to the House, to conflict with a previous amendment, and there was not time to straighten out the crookedness. No final action was taken on the bill. The discussion in committee developed the fact that within the last few weeks the army had been recruited to the number of 665 men. This action of the Secretary of War was approved by the House, and the members of the appropriation Committee as being without law and deserving of impeachment.

Mr. Foster, of Ohio, remarked that recruiting might well be done without money, as the army itself had been run without money; to which Mr. Blackburn, of Kentucky, replied that for that an explanation would soon be demanded. Mr. Foster challenged inquiry, and remarked that if it came the people would be treated to a rare show.

Blackburn replied that the show would be condemned by the better part of the people.

An amendment was offered by Hooker, of Missouri, providing that no money should be expended in sending any part of the army into any State for the purpose of suppressing insurrection or protecting the peace unless on application of the Legislature or of governor of such State.

Garfield, who attacked this amendment as one intended to shackle the President, and which, if it had been on the statute-book in 1860, would have tied the hands of the Executive and destroyed the Government. He did not mean to imply that there was such a threat of insurrection, but that at this time was calculated to alarm the country.

Hooker disclaimed having any other intention than that of preventing the army being used for political purposes, and that he expressed the intent and confidence which the provision was enacted in 1871 and appeared in the Revised Statutes of 1872.

Mr. Speaker Randall took the floor in response to one of Garfield's remarks about the army being left to starve, and threw back the responsibility upon the President, whose province it was to have called an extra session of Congress immediately on his inauguration.

Goode, of Virginia, made a strong speech against Hooker's amendment, in which he checked the intemperate and confident words of the people of the South, and particularly of Virginia, had in President Hayes.

Similar sentiments were expressed by Ellis, of Louisiana.

When the question came to a vote the yeas were 183 and nays 107, in favor of the President. The Republicans waited for all the rest of the Democrats to vote, intending, if there was a Democratic majority for it, to let it be agreed to, so as to have a year and a half in the House, but the Democrats checked the roll-call and voted it down themselves, the Republicans then joining and voting in the same way.

In the debate on the army bill Mr. Goode, of Virginia, said that he regretted having to differ with the gentleman from Mississippi. It was argued to the contrary, but not for the reason assigned by the gentleman from Ohio. In his judgment it would be exceedingly unwise and impolitic to engrave such a proposition upon the bill. He had supported and voted for a restrictive clause in the army appropriation bill last year, but now the circumstances were entirely different. Would his friend from Mississippi ignore that change of circumstance? After the accession of President Hayes he had made an order for the withdrawal of troops from the State of Louisiana, South Carolina and Louisiana. That meant to indicate that the President was willing to trust the people of the South. It meant to indicate that the President regarded them as a brave and honorable people, who meant what they said when they promised to renew their allegiance to the Government; and that in his judgment the use of the bayonet was not necessary to enforce law and order and peace at the South. That is the way that the people of the South understood it, and they were not to be deceived. There was nothing which they so earnestly and anxiously desired as a lasting and enduring peace. The people who he represented were unwilling to refuse to take the right hand of fellowship when it was held out to them by the President.

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