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SPLIT IN THE DEMOCRACY.

Kenna's Men Desert Him and Make Sensational Speeches.

Democratic Forces Badly Demoralized at Charleston.

JOINT ASSEMBLY DISSOLVED

On the Motion of the Inconsistent Delegate Sprigg.

Judge Fleming's Notice Admitting Gov's Election Defeat on the Journal, is Not That a Publication of the Result?—Legislative Doings.

THE ROUTINE WORK.

A Petition Against the Inauguration Bill, Other Matters of Interest.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 18.—The Joint Assembly that took a recess February 11 to meet to-day convened at the hour set. During the call of the roll Delegate Sprigg made nearly broken his arm leaning on his desk waiting for the spring that would give him the floor first. The coveted time came, the clerk had called Mr. Speaker and Mr. Sprigg had the floor. Consistency of all consistency, he had obtained it to make a motion that the Joint Assembly now dissolve.

He was quietly set down by Senator Maxwell, who made the point that before such motion could be made the Journal of the last session of the Joint Assembly must either be read or its remaining portions destroyed. The point was sustained, and the motion was made to dispense with the reading of the Journal. Mr. Sprigg again moved that the Assembly dissolve. There was a long rolling vote on the Democratic side, and the Assembly was dissolved.

IT WAS CUT OFF.

Realizing the untenable position of his colleague a Democratic member of the House had agreed to move that the announcement of the result of the vote for Governor on the face of the returns be made. But, poor man, conscience gave way to the sternest faces of those who have resorted to everything to defeat the will of the people, from trampling upon the Constitution to adopting measures by vote without a quorum, and he held his place.

Had there been less haste in securing the dissolving of the session, Senator Morris would have introduced the following resolution:

THE RESOLUTION.
“WHEREAS, it appears from the notice filed with the Clerk of the House of Delegates and made part of the petition of A. B. Fleming upon which this Joint Assembly took action on the first day of February, 1889, and made part of the Journal of the Assembly of that day, from which notice it appears that at the general election held throughout the State of West Virginia, on the sixth day of November, 1888, for the office of Governor, Nathan Goff received 78,714 votes and R. Fleming received 78,690 votes and the said number of 78,714 is a plurality of all the votes cast at said election for the said office of Governor; and

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HIS BUNCOMBE RECORD.

Judge Edgerton Uses Some Very Plain Language

TO PRESIDENT CLEVELAND.

A Distinguished Democrat's Estimate of Governor's Bogus "Reform" Propositions—A Scathing Open Letter to the President.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Judge A. R. Edgerton, (Dem.) who was recently removed from the office of Civil Service Commissioner, has written an open letter to the President. He says among other things:

I was indebted to you for the only apologetic office I ever held. You now declare by your action that you regret the appointment. I, with equal right, can say that I regret the acceptance. Your regret was never made known to me by you in any way, utterance or action until now at the close of your administration and on the day before my removal. Of course, if you believed me for the position or neglectful of duty, you should have removed me long ago, but I presume there were prudential political reasons why you did not make the removal until after the election. In this regard it would almost seem as if you were willing to play false with the Mugwumps to enable you to win with the Democrats. And here permit me to define the term "Mugwump" as referring to a class of political reformers who have the spirit of reformation without the common sense and good judgment to reform, as reforms are not effected by just personal denunciation, but by reason. The result of the election placed you in a dilemma from which you people would have known how to extricate themselves. You found a man on your hands whom the Mugwumps have designated as an enemy to their Civil Service Reform theories, and your course was to remove him. If you had done so, you would have shown your good faith to the future, would be weakened or defeated if some assurance of your fidelity to your cause could not be secured. Accordingly it appears that you decided upon the removal of the head of the Commission and designing Mr. Thompson a good enough Mugwump for them, you therefore appointed his resignation that you might appoint him, apparently as an autonomic for your previous inaction.

A PECULIAR MAN.
Mr. President, with due courtesy to the high office you hold, allow me to say that you are a very peculiar man, a positive man, positively wrong, or positively right, and therefore an unsafe man to trust; and that element in your character which led you to your present position. "The most positive man are the most credulous, since they most believe themselves, and advise most with their hollow flatterers and worst enemies."

Being one of that kind of men yourself, you have kept some men of like character around you, who are positive only in their malice and conceit. They flatter you and have the conceit that would magnify themselves as the most intelligent and wise men of the age. You are credulous enough to believe that you were elected President by the Mugwumps, and therefore you are flattered by them into a policy which led to your defeat.

NOT TRUE TO HIS FRIENDS.
You are a man who would not permit your real friends to admonish you with freedom and confidence, and as a result, you have suffered for the want of friends, and your wrecked and wretched greatness has discovered that there is no true success in life without the power and blessing of friendship. You believed that your will and power to do as you pleased were above all parties, and the will of the people expressed in a constitutional way has taught you that there was a wiser and better way than that chosen by you.

Having sworn to support the Civil Service law, you have not been constant effort to do as I never did support to support a Mugwump interpretation of it, based on a monstrous assumption that the commission was independent of law. How many poor, unfortunate have been denied the advantages and benefits of the law by questions never contemplated by it, and how many expenses have been incurred through unnecessary and devious requirements and practice, it is not my purpose at this time to state.

EXPENSIVE QUESTIONS WANTED.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 18.—The Post-to-morrow will say: Congressman Butterworth, of Ohio, will soon introduce a resolution requesting the President to invite members of the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada and the Premiers and cabinets of the several provinces of the Dominion to visit the United States about the first of May next, and to accompany them on the novel and interesting pilgrimage.

A Pilgrimage to Rome.
PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 18.—Tuesday next about one hundred pilgrims of the Catholic Church, two of whom are Bishops, will sail from New York on the steamer Wisland on a journey to Rome and the Holy Land. Rev. Father Carroll, of St. Andrew's, Allegheny, and niece, Miss Annie Carroll, leave for New York to-day. They will accompany them on the novel and interesting pilgrimage.

The Electric Light Case.
PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 18.—In the case of the Consolidated Electric Light Company against the Edison Company, on the issue of a permanent injunction, the Pittsburgh court has to-day decided to reopen the case for one month to permit the Edison Company to put in additional testimony in defense, and the Consolidated Company is given one month thereafter to lay evidence in reply. The case has been set down for hearing at the May term.

Thinks Our Actions Illegal.
BERLIN, Feb. 18.—The Cologne Gazette says it thinks that the "White Book" on Samoan affairs, recently issued by the Government bears striking testimony to the wisdom and moderation of Prince Bismarck. It holds that the reports of the German Consul at Apia, prove that the actions of the Americans was illegal, and overbearing, and that the policy of Germany was bringing peace to Samoa.

Colonel Eyrad Dead.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 18.—The Adjutant General of the army is informed of the death at Fort Hayes this morning of Col. John Eyrad, Eighteenth Infantry. The cause of death was the promotion of Lieut. Col. Henry M. Lasselie, Twenty-third Infantry, and Major H. S. Hawkins, Tenth Infantry.

Billy Sunday a New Role.
CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—"Billy" Sunday, the well-known base ball player, made his first appearance in Chicago as an evangelist last evening, and met with decided success. Mr. Sunday talked at Farewell hall to a large audience, making an earnest address.

It MAY BE TRUE.
That Congressman Thomas Has Been Chosen for a Cabinet Place.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 18.—The reports from Indianapolis to-day effect that Congressman John R. Thomas, of the Cairo, Ill., district, had been selected for Secretary of the Navy in President-elect Harrison's Cabinet made that gentleman the centre of a crowd of enquirers. Mr. Thomas declined to say anything at all as to the truth of the report that gave him a seat at the table of the next administration. To a friend Mr. Thomas is reported to have said that personally he knew nothing about General Harrison's intentions in the matter, but that a telegram received in this city last night, from Private Secretary Hatford, stated that he had been selected for the head of the Navy Department. The name of the receiver of the telegram was withheld. Senator Oulton this afternoon telegraphed to General Harrison that if it were true, as reported, that Mr. Thomas' name had been chosen, the people would please the appointment of Illinois and himself.

KILLED THE BEST MULE.
An Occurrence that Started Workmen Who Were Employed on the Great East Litchfield, Ills., Feb. 18.—This city was greatly excited Saturday over an occurrence that for a time was so inexplicable as to border on the supernatural. In boring for gas the heavy drill caught at a depth of 300 feet. After some work it was released and when brought to the surface it was covered with blood. The amazed drillers leaned over the hole. They heard a dull, rumbling noise and presently heard a sepulchral voice calling up to them: "You have killed somebody down here." The horror-stricken men fled. They spread the news and the town was turned upside down in an hour. A number of people went to the well and gazed open mouthed at the bloody drill and the mysterious cavity it had made.

INDIGNANT NEIGHBORS.
The Body of a Murderer Cursed and Otherwise Treated With Contempt.
GLENNVILLE, MINN., Feb. 18.—The body of Joseph Chemlick, the Bohemian, who Friday night killed Mrs. M. L. Chemlick, his half-brother's wife, her two daughters, aged 6 and 11 years respectively, and then committed suicide, was taken to his father's home last night. A number of the former friends of the dead man gathered about the body. Some of them manifested their disapproval of the crime by muttered curses, while others attempted to kick the body. The coroner's men, who reported that one of the murdered girls testified against Chemlick in a recent law suit. The coroner is investigating the case and it is believed that the murderer had an accomplice. It is reported that the name of the accomplice is known and that his arrest will soon follow.

TROUBLE IN THE DOMINION.
Protestants Combining to Defeat the Jesuit Appropriation Bill.
MONTREAL, Feb. 18.—The Protestants of this Province are making a determined and concerted effort to defeat the provisions of the Jesuit bill, which confers on that body \$400,000 from the public funds in recompense for the lands forfeited at the time of the suppression of that order in 1764.

EXPULSION FROM THE COURT.
Mr. O'Brien's Counsel Calls Col. Turner a Sneak in the Court Room.
DUBLIN, Feb. 18.—Mr. William O'Brien was arraigned at Tralee to-day on the last summons issued against him for offences against the crimes act. An extra force of police and military was on duty to preserve order. The Government had issued a proclamation forbidding the assembling of crowds. Mr. O'Brien looked very pale. During the progress of the case Mr. Healy, Mr. O'Brien's counsel, called Col. Turner a sneak. The magistrates demanded that he retract the epithet. Mr. Healy refused to do so, and he was forcibly expelled from the court room. The court abruptly adjourned.

Mark Lane Reports.
LONDON, Feb. 18.—The Mark Lane Express weekly British grain trade says: The tone of British wheat trade says: The tone of the month has slightly improved, but is still very low. The sales of English wheat for the week were 30,000 quarters, as against 27,000 in the week ending Feb. 11, the same week last year. Millers have difficulty in procuring really sound English wheat of fair weight under 34s. English and Hungarian flour were stationary. American flour at a slight advance in value. The growing continental demand for California wheat removes to a great extent the depression induced by the great excess over the average on passage.

Stanley Humbled to Have Been Killed.
PARIS, Feb. 18.—The correspondent of the Petit Journal at San Salvador, Congo, says that a courier has arrived at that place from the west coast, who states that a report is current there that Henry M. Stanley was killed in an engagement with natives near Mougamba. The courier reports that several instruments which have been identified as having belonged to Mr. Stanley have been sold by natives.

Herbert Gladstone Defends His Father.
LONDON, Feb. 18.—Mr. Herbert Gladstone has written a letter defending the eviction on his father's estate at Hawarden. He says that the evictions were perfectly comparable with all reasonable upholding of the cause of the Irish tenants. He holds that the reports of English with Irish tenants are declared as futile because the Irish have acquired a right in their holdings which does not exist in England.

Electric Light Patents.
LONDON, Feb. 18.—A decision was to-day handed down by the Appeal Court upholding the electric light patents of Edison and Swan against the Holland and Anglo-American Brush patents, thus reversing the decision of the lower court.

Frightful

THE LATEST HOTEL HORROR.

A Building Filled With Guests Wrecked by an Explosion.

Many People Are Buried in the Ruins and Killed.

SOME ARE BURNED TO DEATH

In View of the Horrific and Panic-Stricken Spectators.

The Terrible Disaster to the Park Central Hotel in Hartford, Connecticut.

Death and Destruction Comes Without a Moment's Warning to the Occupants.

HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 18.—The shock of a tremendous explosion awoke the residents for blocks around the corner of High and Allen streets at about 7 o'clock this morning. On that corner stood the Park Central Hotel, a five-story brick structure about thirty feet front and one hundred feet deep. The first to arrive on the scene found the building a heap of ruins, from which issued smoke and steam in dense clouds and the spectators were appalled by the shrieks and groans of many human beings who were imprisoned in the mass of timber and masonry, from which flames were already bursting. A general alarm summoned the entire fire department, and an immense crowd attracted by the explosion and fire alarm soon packed the streets. The flames prevented any attempt at rescuing any one, and the ruins were flooded with water before any work could be prosecuted. A few dead or dying persons were taken from the edge of the debris, however, within an hour after the explosion. The force of the explosion threw a bed with a sleeping woman upon it far into the street, while a block of the heavy doors arrested a block away.

MANY LIVES LOST.
By 9 a. m. the flames were so far subdued that the rescuers were enabled to get at some of the victims. Some were pinned beneath heavy timbers, upon which rested masses of masonry, rendering the work of rescue extremely hazardous.

Some of the members of the "Hoodlum Blind" theatrical company were in the ruined hotel when it was destroyed. Mr. Monroe, the business manager, says some of the company applied to the hotel for accommodations, but could not get them. The fact that they were refused accommodations does not indicate that the hotel was crowded, but simply because they, being deaf, could not get them. The fact that they were refused accommodations does not indicate that the hotel was crowded, but simply because they, being deaf, could not get them.

SOME OF THE VICTIMS.
Among those known to be buried in the ruins are the Rev. Dr. L. Perrin and wife, of New Britain; Andrew F. Whitin, Secretary of the Hartford Life Insurance Company, and wife, and Wellington Ketchum, proprietor of the hotel, wife and son; John M. Housman, of the Revere Rubber Company, Boston; George W. Root, traveler for Waite, Williams & Co., Boston; Hill, 29 First floor; A. F. Tillotson, traveler for McCall Chemical Company, Chicago; Max Galaty, editor of Hartford Herald; George J. Engler, drug clerk; Harry Perry, night clerk of hotel. It is understood now that the bodies of Mr. Bronson, wife and child have not been recovered.

George Ketchum, brother of the proprietor, is also in the ruins. Mr. Pendleton, of Indiana, who was soliciting subscriptions to complete the monument to Thomas A. Hendricks, is among the missing. Mr. James, an agent of the hotel, was taken out at noon alive and not seeming to be very badly injured, although not able to stand. He said that Landlord Ketchum and wife were under where he laid and were still alive.

About six persons have been sent to the hospital. Owing to the destruction of the register of the hotel, the names of many guests cannot be ascertained. The catastrophe is generally supposed to have been caused by a gas explosion. The hotel was built about fifteen years ago, and was supposed to be unsafe. It was built on "made ground." The railroads have furnished their force of laborers with jacks, etc., and the work is searching for bodies is now going forward systematically.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.
Every window in the entire house right across Allen street was broken, and the walls were smashed in many places. The noise of the fall aroused the whole city, and in a very few minutes a large crowd surrounded the scene. It was a sight of horror, and one that will never be forgotten by the spectators. Flames completely enveloped the ruins, and the shrieks of the wounded and dying rose high above the hoarse notes of the firemen and police who had been summoned by an alarm from the fire department.

THE MOST HORRIBLE CATASTROPHE.
It is the most horrible catastrophe that has ever been known in Hartford, and when the host of dead and wounded is completed it will be found to be a horror equal to anything that has taken place within the last half century. The loss of life is believed to be not less than fifty.

STARTLING SUSPICIONS.

Thought That the Assassins of Hon. John M. Clayton

CAN BE EASILY LOCATED.

A Circumstance Which Seems to Confirm the Charge That the Murder Was the Result of a Political Conspiracy.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 18.—There is little doubt from the facts that have come to light within the past few days, that the assassins of Col. J. M. Clayton are known, and that before long they will be in the clutches of the law. It is now definitely ascertained that after the arrest of certain citizens of Conway county by the authorities for unlawful interference with a federal election, overtures were made to the Republican State Central Committee for a compromise by which the prosecution of the five parties would be dropped or settled by a nominal fine, on the grounds that restitution was to be made in the way of certain affidavits to be made by the Judges of Election in Howard township of Conway county that would disclose the true vote of that box. The overtures were first made to John M. Clayton himself through the medium of a well-known Republican of Conway county. This party was by Col. Clayton referred to his party friends and advisers in Little Rock. The men to whom it was referred, after considering the matter for two days, agreed to the proposed compromise, but refused to sign the \$1,000 already offered for the arrest of the party of masked men who stole the ballot box in Howard township.

The representative of the parties at Morrilton returned to that point, feeling that the agreement with Clayton, and stating to a friend of Colonel Clayton's in Little Rock that he believed that this agreement would save Clayton's life. When the representative arrived at Morrilton, the parties for whom he had been treating refused to comply with the terms of the compact because the reward of \$1,000 had not been withdrawn. They were not satisfied and were disgraced on what action to take.

Nothing is known of the conclusions reached by the Morrilton parties, but it is certain that on that night two men went from Morrilton to Plummerville. It is a conjecture whether these men carried instructions from Morrilton, but strong evidence is being gathered that they carried instructions from Morrilton to Plummerville, and the circumstances of their going and their movements on that night are well known, and only omitted in the information given that justice may not be frustrated.

AN ARKANSAS SENSATION.
Four Democratic Legislators to Resign Their Seats.
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 18.—It is understood that a big sensation will be sprung in the lower House of the State Legislature to-morrow, when Representatives Nickel, Coffman, Walter and Granberry, Democrats of this (Palaski) county, will resign their seats.

The poll books and returns from six townships were stolen last September, and the remaining returns gave them a majority. The Republican candidates began contests for the seats and these cases are now pending in the House. Since the killing of John M. Clayton the Democratic papers have been denouncing the thefts of the poll books in this county, and the Republican candidates have been led to the murder of Clayton. The resignations will, therefore, go far towards showing that the Democratic party of Arkansas will not countenance frauds in elections.

A YOUNG LADY'S FALL.
A Respected Girl of Wellsville, Ohio, Plends Gaily to Her Robbery.
CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 18.—Hattie B. Stephenson, a handsomely dressed young woman, was brought from Wellsville, Ohio, this morning by Deputy United States Marshal George R. McKay, on the charge of robbing the mails. Miss Stephenson was chief clerk in the Wellsville post office. Where it is said she robbed letters of checks and money aggregating \$500. Miss Stephenson pleaded guilty to two indictments. She was allowed to return home on \$1,000 bail pending sentence. Mr. Stephenson is a merchant at Wellsville, and he is among the most respected citizens of the place. Miss Stephenson has hitherto borne a spotless record.

WHEELING MERCHANTS CAUGHT.
By a Marble's Ferry Grocery's Failure, An Assignment Made.
M. F. Pugh, a grocer on the corner of Fourth and Hickory streets, Marlin's Ferry, made an assignment yesterday in the benefit of his creditors. The assignee is F. R. Sedgwick, the attorney. The goods and fixtures in the store are worth about \$450, and the book accounts amount to about \$600 and \$700 making the assets something over \$1,000. The liabilities are about \$1,100. Mr. Pugh has been doing a large credit business and lost a great deal. Money came in slowly and constantly. He was unable to pay bills and was forced to suspend. His creditors are mostly Wheeling firms. The complete list and the exact amounts could not be ascertained, but several were heard of during the day, namely McEachern & Son \$110, Fincos Bros. \$72, N. Campbell, \$45, W. M. Botsford, \$40, D. N. Schupp, \$25, Ant & Sons, Bellaire, \$100, E. P. Rhodes, Bridgeport, \$50, Brannan & Sons Bridgeport, \$50 and so on. A few creditors are in for more than \$100.

Washington's Birthday.
There was another meeting last evening of old soldiers and sons of old soldiers, to complete the arrangements for their participation in the celebration of Washington's birthday next Friday afternoon. It was decided to invite all soldiers and sons of soldiers to meet at G. A. R. Hall at 1 p. m. on Friday, to take part in the parade. Prof. Crago was chosen Captain of the old soldiers and J. E. Carlin First Lieutenant. Andrew Long, Second Lieutenant, and C. D. Reed, Adjutant. The large number of soldiers and sons of soldiers who have so far participated in the organization for this purpose express the hope that every able bodied ex-soldier or son of a soldier will turn out on that occasion.

The Day in the Schools.
Owing to the interesting public exercises to be held in the city on the afternoon of Washington's birthday, next Friday, February 22, has been decided to have the celebration of that anniversary in the public schools held in the forenoon, so that those of the pupils who desire can witness the street parade to be given under the auspices of the G. A. R. M. in the afternoon. Superintendent Anderson and the various principals favor dismissing the schools for the afternoon, and will attempt to have the Board grant this half holiday.

Is This a "Fake"?
A telegram from Bellaire to the Columbus Post says: John Luce, a Bohemian, occupation a coal miner, contracted a severe case of smallpox while working in the Hocking Valley. He is now confined to his home at Georgetown, a suburb here. Care is taken to prevent the spread of the disease, and the school in the vicinity will probably be closed on its account. This is the first case for four years here.

This Popular Blood Purifier, Hood's Sarsaparilla, is having a tremendous sale this season. Nearly everybody takes it. Try it yourself.

L. S. Gooch sells dry goods the cheapest.