



FRIDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 9, 1877.

The U. S. House of Representatives yesterday was chiefly occupied with the consideration of the Army appropriation bill. It appropriates \$25,700,000 for the present fiscal year...

Ulysses is hobnobbing with the princes and potentates of Europe, but Achilles, otherwise Mr. Cookling, sits, not in his tent, but in a room to the Fifth Avenue Hotel, in New York...

From the time Hayes came into office and appointed a Democratic Cabinet the principal labor of Evans and the rest has been to withdraw the republican support from him.

Mr. Wendell Phillips, in his lecture at Philadelphia, last night, said he was "once considerable of a Grant man, and in a certain sense considerable of a Grant man yet."

Among the appointments confirmed by the U. S. Senate yesterday were those of H. B. Nichols as postmaster of Norfolk, and J. T. Wilson as postmaster of Lynchburg.

The flagging of the pickpocket arrested at the late State fair, an account of which is published in another column, will tend to keep that class of gentry from Richmond.

THE ELECTIONS. PENNSYLVANIA. Returns of the Pennsylvania election are nearly complete from every county in the State...

IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY. Joseph H. Key, democrat, and Asa A. Lawrence, republican, are elected to the House of Delegates...

Gen. Rieker, com., has been defeated for the House of Delegates in Spotsylvania by J. L. Powell, ind. Warring, dem., has been elected to Essex and Pittsden, in Richmond...

THE REPUBLIC OF FRANCE. A report was current in Paris last night that the Bonapartists and Monarchists have resolved to cause their elections to be invalidated by violence...

The Senate has elected the President of its Bureau—five from the Right and four from the Left. It then adjourned until Wednesday.

The Chamber of Deputies has examined some elections of Republicans and decided to postpone the discussion on the validity of the elections of official candidates...

The Monitor announces that President McMahon, at a Cabinet council yesterday morning, expressed a resolution not to resign. He said for the present he considered it his duty to suspend all negotiations for the formation of a new Cabinet...

Marshall McMahon replied: "Your declaration only proves I was right to rely upon the support of the Senate for a conservative policy, which is, as you know, the only policy I am able to follow."

A special dispatch from Paris has the following: "The De Roche Cabinet will remain in office for the present. The members of the Right, in the Senate, have abandoned the project for an interpellation."

It is understood that the Left of the Chamber of Deputies have resolved to invalidate the election of those Conservatives who were returned by small majorities.

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An official telegram from Moukhtar Pasha, dated November 5, states that the Russians compelled him to retreat from Dube Boyun. It says some of his officers were panic-stricken and abandoned several guns which were captured by the Turks...

SYNOD OF VIRGINIA. AFTERNOON SESSION—YESTERDAY. The Synod was called to order yesterday afternoon at half past three o'clock by the Moderator.

The consideration of the report of the committee on the religious welfare of the colored people being resumed. Rev. Dr. Preston spoke in favor of the report of the committee on the evangelization of the colored people...

On motion of Rev. Dr. Bullock the discussion of the report was suspended, and Rev. Dr. Wills, of the Synod of Baltimore, (Northern Church) was introduced to the Synod.

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overture the Synod of Virginia to constitute the churches and ministers to the State of Maryland, belonging to the Presbytery of the Chesapeake, into a separate presbytery...

We make this position because a constantly growing consideration has possessed us that such an organization is indispensable to the proper cultivation of the field in which God has ordered our lot...

1. We are on the frontier of our Church's territory, and if her boundaries are to be pushed forward, it must be done by the frontier churches, "billy compacted together" in solid organization...

2. In the State of Maryland there are large towns and extensive districts thickly populated, in which there is no Presbyterian church of any kind, and which we might gradually occupy if we were released by the ties by which we are now bound...

3. We are persuaded that if the money spent on the missionary fields of Chesapeake Presbytery, were spent on similar places as we have far more adequate returns; that there would already be several churches not only self-supporting, but also liberal helpers in the general work...

Reports of committees on the records of the several presbyteries were presented and approved. Rev. H. W. Brown, of the committee on systematic benevolence, presented the report of that committee, showing an increase in the collections over last year...

A resolution to change the collection for educational purposes from November to October was discussed by Rev. Dr. Smith, Rev. Messrs. Thomas, Scott, Brown and Matthews, amended so as to read October or November, and passed.

On motion of Dr. Jenkins, the report on the Union Theological Seminary was taken from the docket and discussed by Drs. Jenkins, Ewing, Smith, Hays, Messrs. Thomas, Wilson, Watkins and Henson.

Rev. W. S. Penick, of the Baptist Church, in this city, was invited to say a word of commendation. On motion of Dr. Jenkins, Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. Dr. Armstrong until 10 o'clock this morning.

TO DAY—MORNING SESSION. Synod was called to order this morning at 9 o'clock by the Moderator, and after prayer by Rev. Dr. Read, of Richmond, and the reading of the minutes of yesterday's session...

The motion was adopted and Dr. Baird came forward and addressed the Synod in regard to the grounds of his appeal from the action of the Presbytery...

Dr. Baird said that he had never been imputed to him that he had been guilty of crime until he saw the action of East Hanover Presbytery depriving him of all his rights. Judge Jones, of Baltimore, discussed the points in the case, and said he knew it was not the intention of the distinguished Presbytery of East Hanover to do Dr. Baird an injustice...

The substitute of Dr. Smith (for the motion to adopt the report of the committee) to proceed with the case in the regular way, was then introduced into the original report.

Dr. Hoge said that the object of members was twofold: one was to save time, and the other was to do absolute justice, and he was sure that the committee did not intend to reflect in the slightest degree on the Presbytery of East Hanover...

Dr. Baird said that one of the grounds of his appeal was that he objected to the complexion of the court that tried him. He had never yet been notified of the action of the Presbytery of East Hanover, notwithstanding that they had deposited him from the ministry and excommunicated him from the church...

On motion of Rev. Mr. Thomas, the Synod took a recess till 3:30 this afternoon. The afternoon session of the Synod was occupied in the discussion of the case of Rev. Dr. Baird.

FOREIGN NEWS. The people of the Italian Opera House, at Paris, were decorated last evening with American flags, and the soprano and violinists were decorated with palms...

The Senate yesterday confirmed the nomination of John Welsh, of Penn., to be Minister Plenipotentiary to England. A number of other small cases were acted upon.

SPEECH OF GEN. PRIDEMORE. In the House of Representatives, yesterday, in Committee of the Whole, the Army Appropriation bill being under consideration, and an amendment of Mr. Blackburn, reducing the army to 15,000, pending, Gen. Pridemore, of Virginia, said:

I had not intended to say one word upon this subject; but I am surprised at the course taken by the delegation from Texas. We have the President's message upon the subject of the Army, and if the State of Texas is in a state of war and needs the assistance of the Army, why is it that the executive authority of the country has not informed this body of it...

FROM WASHINGTON. (SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 9, 1877. SENATE.

The Senate to-day agreed that when it adjourned it be until Monday next. Mr. Dawes called up the Senate bill for the purchase of certain lots of ground facing the Capitol grounds on Maryland and Pennsylvania avenues with a view of completing the circles there.

Mr. D. explained that the whole cost of this improvement to the Capitol grounds would be \$22,278.25. Mr. Whyte thought that the ground should not be valued by a District jury but by jurors from without the District.

The subject of the debates was laid over. Mr. Johnson introduced an order that the papers in the cases of Julia A. Hazen and Solomon Levy be taken from the files of the Senate and referred to the Committee on Claims, which was agreed to.

Mr. Mitchell introduced a bill to extend the time for the completion of the Northern Pacific Railroad and without increasing the appropriation to allow a new selection of lands—laid on the table without reference.

Mr. Mitchell introduced a resolution appointing Mr. Wadleigh in place of himself as chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections—agreed to.

The Senate then went into executive session and after a short time spent there adjourned. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. The House was opened with prayer by Mr. Harrison, in the absence of Dr. Poisl.

The House then proceeded to the election of a chaplain, when Mr. Harrison, the nominee of the caucus was duly chosen. Mr. H. is from Georgia, but originally from Virginia.

A resolution of investigation into certain charges of fraud and corruption at Mare Island, in California, was referred.

The House then went into committee of the whole on the Army bill. An amendment increasing the strength of the army to 25,000, was adopted—Ayes, 122; noes, 114, and all subsequent attempts to reduce it below that number were defeated, the Texas, California and some of the Western democrats voting with the republicans.