

Holt County Sentinel

OREGON, MISSOURI, DECEMBER 20, 1878.

Congress adjourns to-day, to meet again on the 10th of January.

The 10th of this month will be ever memorable in the life of Wade Hampton of South Carolina. On that day he had one of his legs amputated below the knee and was elected to the United States Senate.

Positively the oldest inhabitant of these United States has been discovered at Baltimore. He is a gentleman of African extraction, residing in the patriarchal span of one hundred and forty-nine years.

Cotton is a good deal of a thing still, and the announcement that this year's crop will probably aggregate 5,197,000 bales shows that the product of a single year is worth nearly two hundred million dollars.

Jeff Hammes, who has just been elected President of the Swiss Confederation, will receive a salary of \$3,000—a little more than half the amount paid the African Charge d'Affaires at the Swiss capital. They know how to compromise in that country!

The czar is loading ships with war material at Philadelphia and sending them to unknown parts of the world. He is also providing a fleet in the north Pacific with abundance of coal, powder and other munitions of war. It is therefore understood that he is a man of peace.

The vote in this congressional district, as shown by the complete official returns from the counties composing it, was 17,430 for Ford and 16,257 for Rea—making Ford's majority 1,173. Thirty-nine scattering votes were polled in the district.

Our exchanges are filled with paragraphs like the following which we find in the Nodaway Democrat: About one thousand people in Nodaway county are anxiously enquiring what has become of the Advocate, the great National Greenback organ that cost but twenty-five cents per year. It "hoisted" several weeks ago.

It may be regarded as settled that the Indian Bureau will not be transferred to the War Department at this time. The testimony of many of the army officers shows that nothing would be saved by making the change, and the churches and the members of Congress are strongly opposed to the experiment.

It is said that the Russian War Minister is enthusiastic upon the subject of educating and training women for army practice. It is understood also that the czar favors the movement. It is said that classes will soon be formed at St. Petersburg for the teaching of women, and when they have completed their studies they will be assigned to the medical staff of the army.

Blaine of Maine and Blackburn of Kentucky got very merry at a dinner given John M. O'Connell, the actor, in Washington last Saturday night. Blaine declared that he had no hostility to the South, Blackburn retorted, they shook hands across the table, the rest of the party chaffed, and some of the more sportive gentlemen were affected to tears during this hilarious episode.

A Chicago petition is before the Senate praying for the setting apart of a parcel of the public domain, not less than one million nor more than three million acres in extent, to be a national pauper farm, where all classes of poor, sick and disabled persons may have a home—to be fed, clothed and sheltered at the public expense. The proposed farm would be as large as the State of Connecticut.

There is no inequality of sexes in the San Francisco Stock Exchange. The women have as good a right to gamble as the men, and experience the same vicissitudes of fortune. In the late panic over Sierra Nevada stock there were a score of fashionable ladies in San Francisco rendered penniless by their own speculations, while several made fortunes in the same way.

M. C. Butler is declared by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections never to have been elected, and therefore not entitled to his seat. It will hardly excite the pride of South Carolina to be symbolized in the Senate after March 4 by Butler and Hampton—the one the representative of a fraudulent Legislature, the other the representative of the worst election fraud ever perpetrated in this country.

It is often of interest to know what days are considered holidays. At the last session of the legislature of this State an act was passed establishing the first day of January, the fourth day of July, any general election day, and Thanksgiving day appointed by the governor of the State, and the President of the United States, and the twenty-fifth day of December as "public holidays" and providing that when any of such holidays fall upon Sunday the Monday next following shall be considered such holiday.

The report of the joint select committee on army reorganization has been submitted to congress together with a bill abolishing the offices of general and lieutenant-general, and the present incumbents, consolidating the adjutant general's and inspector-general's departments, reducing the number of general officers to 11—two major generals and four brigadiers—and fixing the maximum number of enlisted men at 25,000. The bill was made the special order for the eighth of January next.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10, '78.

EDITOR SENTINEL:—Nothing very startling marked occurrences at the capitol during the first week of the Session. Wood, Chairman of Ways and Means Committee in the House, and hence recognized as leader of the Democratic majority, boiled over the first day. He made a bad mess of it as he did at a similar stage of proceedings three years ago. On that occasion Mr. Blaine promptly took him in hand at the close of his diatribe, and he was so severely rebuked that his convalescence was retarded beyond the close of the session. The servility of this representative of the Five Points Democracy to his old task masters of the South was notorious even among the old line democrats, since here by Northern Democracy prior to the war. Tapes of years seem to have made him more than ever obsequious and ready to bow to the arrogant demands his ball dozer associates. He ought to utilize his appointment by Randall to the head of the committee named to build up his reputation as a reformer; but the contemptuous manner of his fellows in kicking his bill for a revision of the tariff out of the House last session, after he had spent months in waiting it, deeply wounded his vanity. It was pointedly uncomplimentary to his statesmanship and was regarded as a left-handed protest against his assumption as leader. He appeared to think the President's mild allusion to the Southern situation as a providential opportunity to retrieve his character and regain his influence, accordingly the reading of the message had hardly ceased when he scented the floor and proceeded to deny the truth of every intimation of Southern outrages contained in it, and asserted his knowledge of Republican intimidation of voters in the North. It was open an bid for the favor of the South and was so repulsively servile in its promises of instant and unquestioning obedience to the behests of the confederate brigadiers, as to make the position of those for whom he spoke appear only less pitiable than that of the freedmen under Democratic "home rule." But he succeeded in commingling his party associates of the House—notorious zealots as they have been for investigation—to the policy of opposing any inquiry into the abhorrent crimes Southern Democracy is alleged to have resorted to in the last campaign to make the late Confederacy redundantly solid. Republicans saw the blunder Mr. Wood had made and spiked Democracy to the record, though its clear-headed members struggled to escape the damaging position their leader left them in. They labored four days to that end unsuccessfully, then adjourned over until to-day in order to re-form their lines, bring up the demoralized stragglers and agree on a programme for the future. Republicans of both Houses appear substantially agreed on the plan reached by Messrs. Blaine, Edmunds, Dawes, Howe, and Christiancy, designated as a committee for that purpose at a Senate caucus. It is bold and aggressive. Edmunds was enthusiastic with the details, and resolutions, preceded by a preamble reciting the substance of the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments, will be early offered, proposing a decrease in the ratio of representation of certain Southern States in Congress and the Electoral College, in proportion to the number of citizens they have disfranchised by legislative enactments and violence. Mr. Blaine's resolutions which proposed a searching inquiry into the alleged campaign lawlessness and crimes in the South will also come up and the fighting forced. As they are in the line of recommendations of the President's message, no difference between the Executive and Republican Congressmen can result from their introduction.

The Committee having in charge the proposed transfer of the care of the Indians to the War Department have taken voluminous evidence, including that of Gen. Sherman in favor, and of Sec'y Schurz and Col. Meacham in opposition. The bills for establishing postal savings banks and for a further distribution of the Geneva Award are inherited from last session and will receive early consideration.

Public consideration seems pretty generally aroused to the belief that a renewal of old time prosperity is to come through a development of our own resources with a judicious extension of our commercial relations on old and new fields. The opening up of the rich belt of our country to be traversed by the Texas & Pacific railroad to the stock raiser, the farmer and miner, is regarded as one of the most important steps in this direction, and to free trans-continental trade of the incubus of the existing monopoly of the Central Pacific. Hence annual interest has been manifested in Matthews' argument in favor of the bill to aid in the construction of that competing line.

THE NEOSHO JOURNAL mentions an interesting case of contested election recently decided by the supreme court. Two years ago, the candidates for sheriff and collector in McDonald county were Montgomery (Democrat) and Moffet (Republican)—each being a candidate for both offices. Montgomery received the greater number of votes for sheriff, but through a misunderstanding of the law Montgomery received a certificate of election to both offices. Moffet contested, and gained the case in the circuit court; it was appealed, and now the supreme court affirms the decision of the lower court, declaring that Moffet is entitled to the office. But the decision comes too late to do the right thing, as Moffet's term has nearly expired, and in January next a new collector, chosen at the late election, will take the office.

CUBANS at Washington are predicting a slave insurrection in Cuba next month. They say the slaves are incensed because they were not set free in the late settlement of the rebellion, and refuse now to work. It may be there is to be another bloody chapter in Cuban history.

AN ANECDOTE OF BLAINE.

E. V. Smalley's Washington Letter to the Cleveland Herald.

This reminds me of one of Blaine's anecdotes. Before the great discovery of the "kiss-joker" ballot, a Boston drummer was travelling in Alabama, and on election day he had the curiosity to go to the polls in the little town where he happened to be stopping. He went early in the morning and found all the voters assembled. There were about 100 whites and 500 blacks, each race massed by itself on one side of a little square in front of the court house. Three or four men of each party were engaged in a consultation in the open space between the opposing forces. After a long confab it was announced that an agreement had been reached and that a white man should vote first, then a negro, then a white man and so on alternately. Everybody said this was fair and the voting began. When the second negro ofered his vote he was challenged, and ten minutes were consumed in debating his status rights. A few more votes were cast and then there was another challenge and another long argument. About every third man was challenged. Some were white men, to give the proceeding an air of fairness. The Boston man observed that the whites were killing time, so that the hour for closing the polls should come when the last white man had got in his vote. He went around to the polling place again in the afternoon, and, sure enough, the last white man in the line had voted on the stroke of six. The polls were closed, leaving 400 negroes in line who had not voted, and the Democrats had one majority in that town, although the Republicans outnumbered them by five to one.

THE GOVERNOR of Kentucky has at last organized a company of militia to the seat of war in Breathitt county. The series of bloody encounters that have recently occurred in that part of the State furnish evidence of a condition of things that should no longer be tolerated. Making due allowance for exaggeration, it appears that a condition very nearly approaching anarchy exists now and has existed for years in that county. Violence and bloodshed follow every election, and violence by no means ends when the elections are over. It seems that majorities so not rate in Breathitt. The rifle is the last resort. The people of Kentucky cannot afford to permit such lawlessness to go unpunished.

THE GERMAN Government is thoroughly aroused on the subject of Socialism. The declarations of Count Eulenberg in the Prussian Diet are startling. The authorities have information so serious that they do not give to people the particulars. There is a movement to declare Berlin in a state of siege. It is given out that there is a great revolutionary movement to overthrow the Empire by assassination. It may be that the revolution is at hand in Germany.

Postal cars will be discontinued in January if Congress fails to make an appropriation, and the mails will be delayed one day.

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