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WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 29, 1879.

Does any one believe if the settlement of the Ute Indian difficulty had been left with the War Department instead of with an army theorist, a sentimental conceited man like Secretary Schurz, that the murderers of Agent Meeker and the violators of the innocent women at the agency would have ever gone as long unpunished. Instead of prompt action, there has been a delay of over 20 days, based upon the promise of one Indian to deliver up the guilty men of his tribe. No man can tell what preparations have been made for future mischief during the wasted three weeks, but army officers no longer doubt that there will be an early war, and a bloody one. The natural results of the present and prospective condition of affairs are the Indian Bureau to the War Department, or the retirement of Secretary Schurz, or both. The dispatches just received at the War Department are gloomy in the extreme.

The total expense to the U. S. of securing our representative at the Paris Exposition, as now appears, was about \$175,000. Yet this small expenditure, by making known more fully abroad our superiority in mechanical contrivances and other branches of manufacture and our unlimited natural resources, did more than a thousand acts of Congress or a thousand Secretaries of the Treasury to bring about resumption and make it permanently successful. We have enough to sell, and these international exhibitions convince the world of that fact.

Without passing upon the propriety of anything that Governor Garcelon and his council have done in relation to the Maine election returns, it must be plain to all that recent events, as given by press reports, show a curious and unwholesome state of public sentiment there. The radicals evidently believe that they are better men and citizens than others, and have rights that others do not possess. Indeed it seems doubtful if a Democrat or Greenbacker of that state has any rights which a Radical feels bound to respect. It is twenty five years of unintermitted rule, embracing four years of war time which has given the followers of Blaine and Hamlin their exaggerated idea of themselves and their rights, and which has almost led Democrats to agree with them.

There was an announcement the other day that one of the Governor's council would attend a public meeting and defend the Governor's acts. "What" said a Republican Congressman "will the people do with the fellow, will they hang him?" The Congressman meant the radical party by the "people" the "fellow" referred to was a Democrat and Greenbacker, and by virtue of his official position represented a considerable majority of the people of Maine. If Governor Garcelon stands firm he will do much, whatever the result may be, to convince both parties in Maine that all men were created equal. That will be a great work for one man to accomplish.

REISO. Mr. Blaine seems to have simmered down considerably since he has found that Governor Garcelon is not to be frightened by sanguinary talk. It must have astonished Mr. Blaine to hear himself denounced as a "traitor" and "rebel" who it might be necessary to be put down by force of arms. Mr. Blaine has been applying these epithets to other people with impunity for so many years that he was doubtful even yet whether they could have been intended for him.

The Hannibal Journal, of last Tuesday, says: "Yesterday evening a flock of wild geese came down in the city and several of them were caught alive. It will be remembered that a drizzling rain was falling, and in flying through the air the wings of the geese became so burdened with ice that they could no longer bear up in the thin air, and so they plumped down into the streets. It was also somewhat foggy, and this bewildered the poor geese, so that they were badly scattered—some being up Palmyra avenue, some out at the West End and along Bear Creek. Several of the geese were captured with naked hands, and more than one family will have a nice Christmas goose free of cost."

Four families of movers, with good outfits, passed through this city Friday last, on their way back to Indiana from Kansas. There were about six voters in the party, and they declared they were "going back to Indiana to vote against them d--d negroes."—Huntsville Herald.

Kansas City Times.

Last week Col. Clay King, of Johnson county, led to the hymenal altar a young and blushing bride in the person of Miss Ella E. Barnhart, of Henry county. Clay King is well known in many parts of the state, having played at different times a quiet but effective part in the political machinations of the state. In 1875 he figured conspicuously as a Cockrell man and to his effort the present senator is largely indebted for his high official position. King is regarded as one of the most successful lobbyists in the state. Seemingly without the least atom of enthusiasm in his nature, he has a wonderful faculty of arousing enthusiasm in any measure or for any person whose interest he may wish to advance. He is extremely quiet and modest in his demeanor and always converses in hushed, confidential tones. When he can once get a man by the arm and engage his attention for half an hour, you can set it down as a dead moral certainty that that man will do what Clay King wants him to do. King is very tall and stalwart, and his most intimate friend and compeer is Capt. Mark Belt, who is somewhat diminutive in stature. It used to be a common expression in Jefferson City when King would be seen walking down the street with Belt hanging like a rufecule on his arm, "Well, there comes the long and the short of it?" And now with all the glory of his past achievements staring us in the face, with memories of his godlike strength tumultuously surging to and fro and up and down in our journalistic bosom, we are forced to admit that he is but human—that he is after all a weak, frail man treading the pathway that all weak, frail mankind have trod and will tread since Eden bloomed till Gabriel trumped, owing allegiance to the sweet and gentle bonanza which woman with her love and beauty entails.

Lexington Register: Mr. Alf. Jones, of Aultville, while cutting wood one day recently had the misfortune to fall and cut his hand severely on the axe he was using. "The river has been blocked at this point since Wednesday of last week, the average thickness of the ice being about five inches, though ice men have been gathering ice in the eddy and along the levee from eight to ten inches in thickness." "Sixty acres of coal land belonging to the Robert Aull estate, situated on the bluffs two miles below the city, were sold at trustee's sale on Wednesday of last week. The average price paid by the purchasers was \$75 per acre. The land is valuable property, as underlying it are inexhaustible beds of the finest quality of bituminous coal." "James Hill was arrested last Monday night at the residence of Patrick Hillis, and is now confined in jail. We have not learned what charges have been laid against him, though it would appear that he must have committed some great crime, as he has been hunted by the county officers for months past, and they seem to rejoice very much over his capture." "It is stated upon good authority that the Burlington & Southwestern railroad company have purchased twenty-one acres of land at Kansas City for freight depots, yards, etc., paying therefor the sum of \$1,000 per acre. It is absolutely certain that this road will be extended to Kansas City, but we believe it is not definitely determined upon which of the proposed routes it will be constructed. The engineers are still engaged in securing an accurate map of the river at this point, and further than this we have no news to lay before our readers this week relative to the building of the road." "Robert Nephler, who left this city about a year ago for Leadville, was accidentally shot at that place last Monday night. He stepped into a dance-house to see the sights, and while there a fight occurred between two negro men. The spectators had formed a ring around the pugilists and were watching the progress of the fight, when one of the negroes pulled a pistol and fired at his antagonist, but missed his mark, and the ball struck young Nephler in the throat and ranged upward, lodging in his head. The dispatch stated that the wound was likely to prove death. The family of the unfortunate young man resides in this city, and they have the sympathy of all in their affliction.

A turtle was recently taken from the St. John's river, Florida with the Spanish coat-of-arms and the date 1700 engraved upon his back. The turtle was put back into the river with the added inscription, "Eastern Herald, Palatka, Florida, 1879."

Chippings. Two girls can laugh more at nothing than five men can at something. About 10:30 o'clock Friday night a fire broke out in a saloon in Winthrop, Mo., destroying 6 buildings.

The editor of the Atchison Champion has a black eye. He explains it by saying: "A fellow came in and settled to-day." Character makes the man, says an exchange. True, but character has been working on half time for the last dozen years. The New York Graphic speaking of the remarkable rise in Edison electric light shares, says as high as \$1,500 has been paid for one of those shares. The world is now set down to come to end next July. Set it down for the fifth day, and then about one-half the male population will feel mean enough to have anything happen. We have not heard whom Eliza Pinkston is for. Will John Sherman rise and answer the momentous question? We want to know badly how Lize is going to jump. During the two weeks' session of Congress, 200 bills and one joint resolution were introduced in the Senate, and 700 bills were introduced in the House.

At Chicago a petition to Congress has been circulating among railroad men and receiving general signature, praying Congress to reduce the tariff on imported steel rails from \$28 to \$10 per ton. On New Year's day Thomas C. Johnston, in Pat Doran's saloon on Cherokee street, Leavenworth shot and instantly killed Wm. W. Embury, his partner in the business of publishing a newspaper. Thurston was arrested and jailed. He says Embury intended to kill him, and he (Thurston) did the deed to save his own life.

A young lady who had been married a little over a year, wrote her mother of fact father saying: "We have the dearest little cottage in the world, ornamented with the most charming little creepers you ever saw." The old man read the letter and exclaimed, "Twins, by thunder!" Mr. J. R. David, writing to the Moberly Monitor, from the neighborhood of the recent cyclone in Randolph county, says that a complete picture of the cyclone may be seen on the windows of several houses near its track. The phenomenon can be seen at Daily Martin's and J. R. Hardin's both of whom live on the west side of the track, and at H. F. Newton's just east of the track. One of our exchanges, speaking of the swindling going on in the rural districts in which farmers are the victims, says: "If farmers take the papers and read them they won't be swindled. If they are able to take the papers and don't, it is their own fault if they are swindled, and if they are not able to take the paper, there is not a traveling scamp in the country that would undertake to swindle them."

Colman's Rural World: The hog crop is undoubtedly a very short one this year. We think it is fully one million head short. A good many causes have produced this. The low price of pork for the last three years has had much to do with it. Farmers thought pork raising did not pay, hence they let up on it. The breeding stock run down and cannot be got up again to compete with this year's crop, which will make pork go still higher. Then there has been late years much hog cholera, and many very severe losses on account of it. The business was considered quite uncertain on that account. Farmers were afraid that before they got their hogs into market, the cholera or whatever the disease may be called, would get ahead of the buyers. There has been in the west, however, much less cholera the past fall than heretofore. The increased price of pork has caused quite an increased demand for breeding stock, and most farmers will produce much more pork the coming season than they did the season. Those who have put up their own pork to market it in the summer will not regret it.

Important Decision.

The great interest manifested in the case, wherein State Treasurer Gates is suing the sureties on the collateral bond given by the Mastins, was continued to-day. Judge Dunn of Clay county has been hearing the arguments, and to-day he sustained the demurrer. There were in the court room at the time State Treasurer Gates, the Messrs Mastin, Gov. Hall, of St. Joseph, Gen. Stringfellow, of Atchison, Kas., and nearly all the prominent attorneys of this section. The suit on the collateral bond was to secure State moneys deposited in the defunct Mastin Bank. The original deposit was \$500,000, of which \$250,000 has been paid back. The defense claims in one count that \$187,000 of the remainder was never deposited. Of the remaining \$300,000, there were \$10,000 in discounted notes, which leaves a balance of \$290,000, the exact amount which Assignee Coates acknowledges the bank owes. The defendant set up nine different allegations in replying to the petition, two of which the plaintiff demurred to. One of the counts which was demurred to, turns upon the constitutionality of article 10, section 15 of the Constitution, which provides that the Governor and State Attorney must approve of the bond given to the Treasurer. This was not done, and the defendant avers that the bond is void. The Attorney General holds that this clause of the Constitution requires an act of the Legislature to enforce it. Judge Dunn held that the clause was self-enforcing, and therefore he sustained the demurrer. The second count which was demurred to, was the allegation that the bond was void because Gates and the Mastins had entered into a secret compact by which the former was to receive interest on the State's money. Judge Dunn held that should a man deposit money with another and a neighbor should go security, the security would hold good if the party deposited with should fail to turn over the money when called upon; but should the depositor change the deposit to a loan, the security could not be held, as the contract had been changed without his knowledge. In the case at hand there was a law making it a penal offense for the State Treasurer to make any such loan, and therefore he would not recognize the transaction as a change of contract. He would hold the sureties were not released by such action, and would not sustain the demurrer. The case will next come up for trial at the February term of the Clay circuit court at Liberty before Judge Dunn.

More Tax. The Democratic party has always been, is now, and ever will be the poor man's party. The Republican party is pre-eminently the favorite of the rich man, because it caters to all his interests and has no sympathy with the laboring, toiling thousands. As an illustration of the animus of the latter, Mr. Hayes recommended in his recent message to congress a tax on coffee and tea, the poor man's luxuries, but does not hint at anything that will interfere with the interests of the wealthy men and monopolists of the country. His fraudulence thinks that a tax on tea and coffee will be felt less than anything else. Certainly! The rich man will not feel it at all, and if the poor man doesn't choose to pay the additional price he can do without them. Still the Republican party have the effrontery to ask the poor man of the country to vote for them, and aid in perpetuating a party that loses no opportunity to grind them to the very dust, while it labors to pamper and enrich the already wealthy. But if the time of judgment has come, and when the franchise of this nation is heard in 1880, it will be on the side of the poor man's party, and against the president-stealing, merciless and tyrannical Republican party.—Carrollton Democrat.

Day by Day. Our own experience is that resolutions made for a year are apt to snap into pieces. The span of the bridge is too long, and it cracks in the middle. We have quite making extravagant resolutions at the beginning of the year. We find that we have to take one day at a time, and that we cannot manage three hundred and sixty-five of them at once. We had not better put in our diary how well or high we are going to climb the steep of the future, but just mount step by step, hoping, through the Divine help, to reach the top undamaged. At this season of the year, when the habit of making resolutions is epidemic, we thought it might be useful to put the point of our pen through the balloon of unjustifiable expectation. We shall get nothing out of the future but what God helping, we accomplish inch by inch. We will probably be next year as we were last, save in such improvements as may come through plodding and struggle.—Dr. Talmage.

Adam never loafed about a hotel, kept a seat all to himself in a railroad car, wrote a postal card, listened in another man's telephone, told a fish story, he rated the managers of the Young Men's Christian Association, or drank schooners of beer. No, but he ate that apple, and was the first great cause of tallow's bills. We have tried to forgive Adam, but it comes hard in this weather.

Lewis B. Beach, of St. Louis, a leading Republican politician and for some years Circuit attorney for St. Louis, died Friday of cancer of the stomach.

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