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WASHINGTON

Special to the N. O. Democrat.]

Washington, March 5.—The inauguration ceremonies are progressing quietly. The pageantry is not very imposing and the military display inferior to that of 1872 or 1868. The day is cloudy and cold, but not stormy or blustering.

HAYES' POLICY.

Hayes' inaugural address will be delivered in about an hour from now. It is not a long document, nor is it remarkable, except as to the Southern question. On this point, Hayes far exceeds the expectations of even the most sanguine of his conservative friends, in fact, he inaugurates a policy which, if steadily adhered to, will form the basis of an entire new departure and a complete reconstruction of political parties. He seems to have taken the bits in his teeth, as they say of a race horse, and has bolted the party track completely.

A NEW PARTY.

His Cabinet will be made up of the most respectable elements in the Republican party and the most pronounced elements of the ex-Confederate Conservatives in the South.

THE BLOODY-SHIRT RADICALS.

As a consequence the bloody-shirt radicals are furious. Combination of the Morton, Blaine and Cameron factions will be made against Hayes at once, and he will have to depend largely upon the South for his support in Congress.

You need not be surprised to see the South in both Houses of next Congress joining hands with the respectable Republican element in the North and West and in support of the Hayes administration and against a combination of the Radical element of the Republican party with the Bourbon element of the Democracy.

Hayes has hitherto been regarded as a weak man, but if he carries out the policy he has inaugurated he will rank with Andrew Jackson for independence and firmness of character.

THE CABINET.

The most reliable accounts that can be obtained make the Cabinet as follows:

Secretary of State—Evarts of New York; Secretary of the Treasury—John Sherman; Secretary of War, Joseph E. Johnson; Secretary of the Navy, M. Forbes; Secretary of the Interior—Carl Schurz; Postmaster General—ex-Senator Key or John C. Brown, of Tennessee; Attorney General—McCrady of Iowa.

GENERAL JOSEPH E. JOHNSON.

It's not certain that General Johnston will accept, but General Sherman thinks he will. Governor Brown, of Tennessee, may not accept, and in that event the Post-office will be tendered to Key.

You can readily imagine what a bombshell such a Cabinet would be to the prevailing party organizations. Personally it would be the most powerful Cabinet since the administration of John Quincy Adams.

A. S. HEWITT.

Mr. Hewitt to-day resigned the chairmanship of the National Democratic Committee, and Senator Barnum, of Connecticut, was elected in his place. Mr. Hewitt accompanied his resignation with a letter to the committee which bears out the statements made in my letter to you defending him against the attacks of Henry Waterson and others.

Michigan has gone into the subject of fish culture with an enthusiasm and discretion that must produce a marked effect in the cost of living to the masses of that State. Last year there were deposited in the waters of the State nearly ten millions of spawn, embracing salmon, white fish, bass, pickeral and other varieties of valuable food fish.

The French Version.

Monsieur Adam, he wake up, he see me belle demoiselle asleep in ze garden. Voila de la chance! 'Bon jour, Madame Iv.' Madame Iv she awake, she hold hold her fan before her face. Monsieur put up his eye glass to admire ze tableau. Zey make make one promenade. Madame Iv shee feel hungry; and see appel on ze arbre. Serpent se promenade sur l'arbre, make one walk on ze tree. 'Monsieur le Serpent,' says Iv, 'weel you not have ze bonte to peek me some appel? J'ai faim.' 'Certinement, madame,' says ze serpent, 'charms de vous voir.'—'Hola, mon ami! ar-etez-vous,' says Adam, 'stop! stop! Que songez-vous faire? What madness is zeis? You must not peek ze appel.' Ze snake he take one pinch of snuff, he say: 'Ah, Monsieur Adam, do you not know sere is nossing probeet for ze ladies? Madame Iv, permit me to offer you some of zis fruit defendu.' Iv she made one courtesy; ze snake he fill her whole parasol with appel; he say: Eritis sicut Dens. Monsieur Adem he will eat ze appel, he will become like un Dieu—know ze good and ze evil. But you, Madame Iv, cannot become more of a goddess than you are now.' And zis finish Madame Iv."

Courier-Journalisms.

The corruption of the Roman Empire culminated when the empire was put up at auction and knocked down to the highest bidder. That was done in the open day, however. In this country the Government is ignominiously stolen by the secret ballot manipulations of sneak thieves. It is worse than a public auction, because the steal is accomplished under pretense of holding a popular election.

Said Cicero: "The ballot is dear to the people, for it uncovers men's faces and conceals their thoughts. It gives them the opportunity of voting as they like and promising all that they are asked." But the great Roman lawyer had not conceived of such a political monstrosity as a returning board, which gives the people to understand that their ballots are worth absolutely nothing.

The sinner Sherman pretends to be "surprised" at objections to the tribunal's decision. How comical for a robber, after he has riddled your pockets, and has his hand about your throat, to say, "I am surprised that you object to this little business. It is my trade."

Fred. May in a New Role.

N. Y. Cor. of the Capitol.] Lord! Lord! how this world is given to—marrying! Mr. Fred. May is now to appear in the character of a bridegroom, having successfully demonstrated his talents as a brother. The lady of his choice is Miss Stevens, daughter of Mrs. Paron Stevens, an heiress by right of inheritance and a belle because of beauty. Miss Stevens has spent much time abroad, and her manners have all the culture that comes from travel and association with the best society of foreign capitals. They will make a handsome couple: Mr. May is an Adonis, and Miss Stevens has a fine sympathetic presence. When the famous tableaux were given at the Union League Theatre, a season or so ago, Miss Stevens impersonated Egypt, and the quaint magnificence of her attire made her look like another Cleopatra. This young lady came very near marrying the Earl of Montrose, and might have done so, save for a question of marriage settlement. The Stevens estate is a large one, but it is said to be tied up for the present.

While walking over the battle ground of the crater near Petersburg, Va., recently, a gentleman found a curious relic, consisting of two minie balls flattened and imbedded in each other. One was a Federal and the other a Confederate ball.

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