



PRESCOTT, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1868.

COL. POSTON'S POSITION.

We can make allowance for the chagrin of Colonel Poston over his defeat, but as he has never been considered the opponent of Governor Goodwin...

Upon his arrival here from the southern part of the Territory the Governor told the publisher that while it would gratify him to have the Miner come out in his favor...

Of that letter "from one of the highest federal officers in the Territory" we think that if its author's name was given, it would be one of the latest of those officials...

In common with all fair minded men who supported Governor Goodwin or Colonel Poston we attribute the defeat of the Colonel to his unwarrantable absence from the Territory...

As it resulted we supposed that he would acknowledge himself alone to blame, and heartily co-operate with Governor Goodwin on behalf of the Territory.

ARIZONA ABROAD.

It is amusing to read the accounts in the California papers regarding Arizona. Those journals evidently print everything they hear concerning our affairs...

General Mason is reported to be making a vigorous campaign against the Apaches this winter. He has already routed them from several of their strongholds in the Territory...

The thread bare story about the capture by the Apaches of the expressmen who left here for the Rio Grande in November, is still going the rounds, and reports of Indian outrages, contracted months ago, are yet in circulation.

If we may be bold enough to make a suggestion to our California contemporaries it is, that they make some discrimination in the advice received from this Territory and henceforth print that which is improbable and will have to be corrected.

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down as false and unworthy of thought. In this you will be safe, for the dark and retrograde days of Arizona are past.

INDIAN AFFAIRS.

In the Miner of to-day, will be found the report of the joint committee of the Legislative Assembly upon military and Indian affairs...

If the Gila reservation is provided, or the reservation upon the Colorado requested by the Superintendent of Indian Affairs, we trust that ample provision will be made for setting the Indians to work.

The appointment of Colonel Davidson of the Cerro Colorado mine, as Superintendent of the Pimas and Maricopas, and all the Indians of Pima county...

ARIZONA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

A meeting of this society was held in Prescott on the 5th inst., the President, Hon. Richard C. McCormick, in the chair.

The following resolutions were adopted regarding the death of the Hon. Gilbert W. Hopkins, viz:

Resolved, That we record with deep regret the death, at the hands of the barbarous Apache, of our fellow member, Hon. Gilbert W. Hopkins, Vice President of this Society...

Resolved, That his zealous efforts as a pioneer in the development of the resources of the Territory, and in the preservation of its history, as shown in his lively interest in the establishment of this society, entitle him to our grateful recollection...

THE DELEGATE QUESTION.

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SLAVERY ABOLISHED.

The following is the proclamation of Secretary Seward, declaring slavery constitutionally abolished:

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting: Know ye, that whereas, the Congress of the United States, on the first day of February last, passed a resolution which is in the words following, namely:

SECTION I. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

And whereas it appears from official documents on file in this Department that the Amendment to the Constitution of the United States proposed as aforesaid has been ratified by the Legislatures of the States of Illinois, Rhode Island, Michigan, Maryland, New York, West Virginia, Maine, Kansas, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Ohio, Missouri, Nevada, Indiana, Louisiana, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Vermont, Tennessee, Arkansas, Connecticut, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Alabama, North Carolina and Georgia, in all twenty-seven States; and whereas the whole number of States in the United States is thirty-six; and whereas the before specially named States whose Legislatures have ratified the said proposed amendment constitute three-fourths of the whole number of States in the United States; now therefore, be it known, that I, Wm. H. Seward, Secretary of State of the United States, by virtue of and in pursuance of a second section of the Act of Congress approved 20th April, 1818 [?], entitled an "Act to provide for the Publication of the Laws of the United States and for other purposes," do hereby certify that the amendment has become valid to all intents and purposes, as a part of the Constitution of the United States.

In testimony whereof, etc., W. H. SEWARD, Secretary of State.

THE MEXICAN QUESTION.

General Logan having declined the mission to Mexico, the Hon. Lewis D. Campbell, of Ohio, formerly prominent in the politics, and we think at one time Governor, of that state has been appointed, and has received his instructions. These are to present himself to President Juarez and to accompany him to which ever of the states he may be driven to by the imperial power.

Mr. Maximilian has gone to Paris, and there is a common belief that her husband will follow her. If it is as clear to him, as it is to the world, that the American people will not submit to the overthrow of our sister republic, he will follow his better half at an early day, and not return to this continent.

Secretary McCormick, the confidential friend of Governor Goodwin, not being able to return to the Territory, pledged me the support of the Governor, on the faith of conversations they had held on the subject previous to his departure; and Secretary McCormick was fully authorized to act for Governor Goodwin as if he had been personally present.

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A CARD.

PRESCOTT, JAN. 18, 1868. EDITOR OF THE ARIZONA MINER. The card of Colonel Charles D. Poston dated at New York on the 22d, of November last, and published in the Tribune, has the following statement:

"Secretary McCormick, the confidential friend of Governor Goodwin, not being able to return to the Territory, pledged me the support of the Governor, on the faith of conversations they had held on the subject previous to his departure."

In explanation of which I deem it just to the Territory and myself, to say that when I was leaving San Francisco for the East, in March last, the Governor said to me, in expectation that I would be a candidate for Delegate at the election in September: "Suppose you cannot get back in time to canvass the Territory, will you be a candidate?" To which I replied "No." Then, said he, "I presume we cannot do better than to favor the re-election of Poston," to which I agreed.

When, in New York, I found that my business would not admit of my return to the Territory in time for the election, I repeated this conversation to Colonel Poston, and upon the strength of it, told him I thought he could count upon the support of the Governor, as he certainly could upon mine, although some of his political acts had not met my entire approval.

It is for the public to decide, however, whether the conversation referred to involved an irrevocable pledge of the Governor to the Colonel, and deprived him of the right to become a candidate, when he found, owing to the Colonel's absence from the Territory, (which neither of us had expected, and against which I frequently remonstrated,) that the election of a man personally offensive to him, to the Colonel and to myself, and, in our judgment, incompetent to benefit the Territory, could not otherwise be prevented.

RICHARD C. MCCORMICK.

MONTANA.—A party of surveyors are marking out a road from Montana to the mouth of Mussel Shell river, on the Missouri, and expect to obtain goods that way next summer.

This is another hint to hasten the improved navigation of the Colorado. From Calville to the settled portions of Montana, it is not nearly so far as from the Mussel Shell river to the Missouri to Leavenworth or St. Louis.

LAWS OF ARIZONA.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.

Appointing a Translator and Interpreter. Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Council concurring, That Hon. Alexander McKee be and he is hereby appointed Translator and Interpreter for the two houses; said appointment to date from the passage of this resolution.

JAMES S. GILES, Speaker of the House of Representatives. HENRY A. BIGELOW, President of the Council.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Council concurring, That the enrolling committees of the respective houses do cause the enacting clause of all bills on the enrollment thereof to read as follows: "Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Arizona, and that of all joint resolutions to read, "Be it resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Arizona."

JAMES S. GILES, Speaker of the House of Representatives. HENRY A. BIGELOW, President of the Council.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.

Tendering thanks to Hon. Samuel Adams and Captain Thomas Treasurer. Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Council concurring, That the thanks of this Legislature are due and are hereby tendered to Hon. Samuel Adams and Captain Thomas Treasurer for their untiring energy and indomitable enterprise as displayed by them in opening up the navigation of the Colorado river, the great natural thoroughfare of Arizona and Utah Territories.

Resolved further, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of this House, and that the same be printed in the ARIZONA MINER.

JAMES S. GILES, Speaker of the House of Representatives. HENRY A. BIGELOW, President of the Council.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.

Authorizing the Territorial Librarian to secure a suitable room for the safe keeping of the Territorial Library. Be it resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Arizona: SECTION 1. That the Territorial Librarian be and is hereby authorized to rent a room for the safe keeping of the Territorial Library, and that he shall be allowed for rent of said room not more than two hundred and fifty dollars per annum, to be paid out of the funds in the hands of the Territorial Treasurer otherwise appropriated.

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ARIZONA PIONEER SOCIETY.

WHEREAS, All society depends for its existence, and does exist, only by mutual concessions, forbearance and assistance, and WHEREAS, All history derives its truthfulness and interest from the minutely preserved acts of the first pioneers of the country of which it treats, and

WHEREAS, Our infant Territory is with rapid strides growing into manhood, and enterprise, capital and civilization are fast obliterating the landmarks of our early pioneers, and time with relentless hand, year by year is surely carrying to unknown eternity our first settlers, without record of their privations, sufferings and great virtues, to which posterity, as well as those who follow in this generation, will owe so much; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, Richard C. McCormick, James Grant, William G. Poindexter, Van Ness C. Smith, John T. Alsop, Emmet A. Bentley, Augustus Spear, George Brooks, Albert O. Noyes, William H. Hardy, Joseph P. Hargrave, Henry Clifton, James O. Robertson, Augustus Brichta, Manuel Ravens, Chas. H. Brinley, Henry Jenkins, James H. Ferry, Abraham H. Peeples, Henry Wickensburg, Converse W. C. Rowell, Alexander McKee, Peter Doll, Follett G. Christie, Herbert Bowser, Robert A. Rose, James B. Slack, Louis B. St. James, Joseph R. Walker, Jr., Amasa G. Dunn, William Pointer, William J. Berry, Charles Taylor, Thomas J. Bidwell, Daniel Ellis, Adnah French, Marcus D. Dobbin, Edward G. Taylor, Nelson VanTassel, Nathan E. Lewis, John J. Campbell, George Coulter, James G. Sheldon, John B. Allen, James E. McCaffrey, Aaron W. Critcher, John H. Dickson, Edward G. Peck, Coles Bashford, Hezekiah Brooks, George Lount, Richard E. Elliott, William T. Flower, Rodney McKinnon, William France, Samuel C. Miller, Jacob L. Miller, G. H. Vickroy, King S. Woolsey, Henry A. Bigelow, James S. Giles, Calvin Jackson, William R. Murray, do hereby organize ourselves as the "Arizona Pioneer Society" with such constitution, rules and by-laws as we may hereafter from time to time adopt, with the object and intention; first, to collect and preserve the early records and history of our Territory; second, to enroll and preserve the names and history of our early pioneers, under such rules and in such manner as we may hereafter prescribe; third, to devise and carry out such measures for our mutual advantage, assistance and prosperity as may be thought advisable in the premises; fourth, to acquire and hold such property as may be thought necessary for the purposes of our organization, and for the more effectual attainment of the objects desired we do hereby ordain for our government the following

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This organization shall be known as the Arizona Pioneer Society.

ART. 2. The object of this society shall be the collection and preservation of such historic matter concerning the early settlement and present growth of this Territory as we may be able to obtain, and also the enrollment either as active or honorary members all respectable citizens of this Territory bearing date of residence prior to January 1, 1864, or of such of them as may desire to become members of this organization; also to be a mutual benefit and assistance to each other.

ART. 3. The officers shall be a President, one Vice President from each county in the Territory, a Secretary, one Corresponding Secretary for each county in the Territory, Treasurer, Librarian, and three Trustees, to be denominated a Board of Trustees.

ART. 4. The above named officers shall hold their offices respectively for the period of one year from the second election of officers, or until their successors are elected and prepared to enter upon the discharge of their duties and in all cases such officers must be members of the society. The first election of officers shall be immediately after the adoption of this constitution, and the second election of officers shall be on the first Monday of November, A. D. 1866, and upon the first Monday of November annually thereafter. After the adoption of this constitution, it shall not be altered or amended except by a vote of two-thirds of all the members present at a regular meeting.

ART. 5. The President shall preside, preserve order, regulate the proceedings of the society, and state and put all questions to vote. In his absence the senior Vice President present (to be decided by priority of election) shall perform the duties of President.

ART. 6. The Secretary shall give notice to all newly elected members of their election, and shall keep a fair and true record of all the proceedings of the society. He shall keep a correct list of all the members and their place of residence, as far as possible, and note the time and under what circumstances the decease of any member may take place. He shall keep in his possession all communications, records and other papers belonging to the society, and to which all members shall have access, and shall perform such other duties as may be properly required by the society.

ART. 7. The Corresponding Secretaries shall notify any similar institutions, as well as any other orders or persons, of our organization and its objects, in manner and time as directed by the society from time to time. It shall further be their duty to gather from the old pioneers of this Territory their history, in connection with their early explorations, and when so collected to transmit the same to the Secretary.

ART. 8. The Treasurer shall take charge of all funds of the society, and report annually on the condition of the treasury.

ART. 9. The Librarian shall take charge of and classify all books, maps and other historic and biographical matter that properly belongs to the society.

ART. 10. In the absence of any officer legally qualified to preside at any proper meeting, the society may elect such officer pro tem.

ART. 11. The regular meetings of the society shall be held at the capital of the Territory on the first Monday in February, May, August and November, of each year, and special meetings may be called at any time by the President upon the application of nine members, or by the resolution of any previous meeting.

MEMBERSHIP.

ART. 5. § 1. The members of this society shall be active, honorary and corresponding, to be persons by ballot.

§ 2. Persons properly qualified for membership must make application for admission into the society at one of its regular meetings in writing, and be recommended by two members. A vote of two-thirds of the members present shall be necessary to an election.

§ 3. Persons of distinction and those bearing date of residence in Arizona prior to January 1, A. D. 1860, likewise persons not residing in Arizona, may be proposed as honorary members of this society by a member, and may be elected at any regular meeting; Provided, That three-fourths of the members present concur therein.

§ 4. Corresponding members may be elected

by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting.

§ 5. All persons named herein shall be charter members of this society. Those who may be elected members of this society in accordance with its provisions shall pay the sum of five dollars as an initiation fee. All active members shall pay such monthly or quarterly dues as the society may agree upon.

SPECIFIC OBJECTS.

ART. 6. § 1. One of the chief designs of this society shall be to collect and preserve the early history of our pioneers. To render the action of this society more effectual it shall be the duty of each corresponding Secretary to gather all the information within his power of the early history of Arizona, to keep a record of all matter so gathered, and submit his papers and reports to the society for its action and for preservation among its archives.

§ 2. Vacancies in offices may be filled at any regular meeting by a majority vote, and such election shall remain in full force until the next annual election.

§ 3. All documents, maps, manuscripts, biographies, sketches of our early history, etc., collected for this society, shall be deposited with the Secretary and Librarian, for the use of the society.

ART. 7. This society may adopt such by-laws as may be deemed necessary, in accordance with the object and powers of the constitution.

ART. 8. Nine members of this society shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting, but a less number may adjourn to the next regular meeting.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I. The annual meetings of this society shall be held on the first Mondays in November in each year. The election of officers for the next ensuing year shall then be made.

ART. 2. All committees shall be appointed by the President unless otherwise ordered by resolution.

ART. 3. § 1. The Secretary shall keep, in addition to the records of the meetings, a register, containing the constitution and by-laws, the names of all the members with the date of their admission, birthplace, residence in the Territory, the time of coming to the Territory. He shall enter in said book all amendments to the constitution and by-laws.

§ 2. The Treasurer shall keep a cash book, in which he shall enter all moneys received by him from whatever source, and all payments made on account of the society. He shall also keep a check or warrant book, from which he shall fill up all checks for the signature of the President, and such other books as the President may deem necessary.

The Treasurer shall not pay out any money unless on a warrant drawn by the Secretary, and countersigned by the President, and under the seal of the society, and at the expiration of his term of office, and upon a final settlement of his accounts by the finance committee, he shall turn over any balance of money in his hands to his successor in office taking his receipt therefor.

ART. 4. Each member shall pay into the treasury quarterly the sum of one dollar as dues, which may be increased or diminished only upon a motion in writing made at a regular meeting, and which shall be over until the next regular meeting, and be adopted by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ART. 5. Any member failing to pay his dues for one year, upon being notified by the Secretary, stating the amount due, shall forfeit his membership, unless a sufficient excuse be given and accepted by the society.

ART. 6. § 1. The following shall be the order of business after the meeting is called to order, viz: 1. Reading the minutes of the last stated and intervening meetings.

2. Application of candidates for membership.

3. Elections and admission of new members.

4. Unfinished business.

5. Reports of committees and action thereon.

6. Election of officers.

7. Resolutions.

8. Communications received, read and disposed of.

9. Reading of papers by members present, and addresses on subjects embraced within the objects of the society.

10. Adjournment.

§ 2. The above order of business may be dispensed with by a vote of the society.

ART. 7. All proceedings at the meetings of this society shall be governed by the parliamentary rules as laid down in Jefferson's Manual. All motions shall be reduced to writing when required by the President, and an appeal to the society may always be had from the decisions of the chair.

ART. 8. Upon the death of a member of this society in good standing, if a resident of the place where the meetings of the society are held, his funeral shall be attended by the society in a body, and the members thereof shall wear the customary badge of mourning for thirty days.

ART. 9. § 1. The distinctive badges of this society, upon public occasions, shall be the red, white and blue.

§ 2. All honorary members shall be entitled to wear the white badge.

§ 3. All members becoming such by reason of residence in Arizona between the years 1860 and 1864, shall be entitled to the red badge.

§ 4. Should the time be extended to allow persons to become members who may have become residents since 1864, such members shall be entitled to the blue badge.

§ 5. Any member being an active and honorary member shall be entitled to wear the combined badges of the two degrees.

ART. 10. All donations made to the society shall be reported and entered upon the minutes.

ART. 11. No additions or amendments shall be made to these by-laws unless submitted in writing at a regular meeting of the society, and concurred in at the next regular meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

THE DELEGATE VOTE.—As the action of

Colonel Poston is attracting attention to our late election for Delegate, we append the vote for the several candidates according to the official returns in the office of the Secretary of the Territory:

Table with columns: COUNTIES, GOODWIN, ALLYN, POSTON. Rows: Yavapai, Mohave, Yuma, Pima, Total.

It will be observed that Governor Goodwin had a majority of 331 votes over Allyn, and of 447 over Poston, and a majority of 71 over both.