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NATIONAL CAPITAL NOTES

Crisp Gossip of the Day Gathered at the Seat of the National Government.

Interesting Developments are Expected in the Course of the Silcott Investigation.

Facts About Jefferson Davis—Latest News and Gossip in Army and Navy Circles.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—[Special.]—Washington has had about all the news it could stand this week.

Mr. Reed did not like the prayer, but he said to a leading republican who consulted him, "The old man has braced himself behind Abraham Lincoln, and with such a breastwork there is no hope of storming him."

At Fortress Monroe is the cell in which Jefferson Davis was confined after the war closed. He carried on his studies while he was in prison, and he then read Macaulay's "History of England" and re-read Bancroft's "History of the United States."

The treasurer of the United States has evidently violated the law in paying out money for salaries before they were due by law. He and his bondsmen may suffer. Part of the stolen money was taken across the street to the Metropolitan National bank, where a note-shaving cashier had made a shlockian deposit of several thousand dollars' worth of forged notes.

The important topic in naval circles nowadays is the succession to Commodore Sicard, whose second term as chief of the bureau of ordnance, expires on the 13th prox. It is now accepted as a foregone conclusion that he will not succeed himself, and the gossiping element is directed their attention to other available officers.

Director of the Mint Leach has prepared a statement in which he expresses the belief that Secretary Windom's proposed silver measure contains the solution of the silver problem in affording a ready market for the surplus silver product of the world, the effect of which would be to enhance the value of silver until it reached a point so nearly corresponding with its value in coinage as to cause a withdrawal of all temporary measures.

The death of Jeff Davis makes no visible ripple in the course of events here. He is old-time friends of his here in the quiet, retiring families who settled here during the long period when the South was dominant in the government.

NEVADA, Cal., Dec. 15.—The stage from Downville was held up this afternoon near here by a lone highwayman. About \$150 and five packages of registered mail were taken. The robber attempted to break open the express box, but failed.

Weekly Clearing House Report. BOSTON, Dec. 15.—Dispatches from clearing houses in the United States and Canada give the total gross exchanges for the week ending Dec. 14 at \$1,180,588,533, an increase of 8.9 per cent, as compared with the corresponding period of last year.

The Miners Will Wait. ESSEX, Dec. 15.—Three thousand miners today adopted resolutions thanking the authorities for sympathy and expressing readiness to await the result of their promises to intervene.

A Big Elevator Fire. BUFFALO, Dec. 15.—The Exchange elevator burned this morning. The losses aggregate \$225,000.

CARTER'S RICH REWARDS.

His Vote for Reed Will Place Him on Two Important Committees.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—[Special.]—Your correspondent was informed to-night by one of the leading silver advocates that the silver men will give Secretary Windom's silver policy a careful and painstaking examination.

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THE CHEROKEE COMMISSION.

The Indians of Other Tribes will be Removed to the Cherokee Lands.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 15.—The act under which the Cherokee commission has been negotiating for the purchase of the Cherokee outlet by the United States government promises them to arrange, in the event of a failure to effect a purchase, for the removal of other Indians from their reservation in the Indian territory to the Cherokee nation as provided in article 15 of the treaty of 1865.

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DEMOCRATS, READ THIS.

A Ringing Letter of Encouragement and Endorsement From the Democrats of Bozeman.

A Fair Ballot and a Fair Count Must Not Suffer Unlawful Interference.

The Position of Governor Toole and the Democratic Senators and Representatives is Heartily Commended.

BOZEMAN, Dec. 15.—[Special.]—Recognizing the unfortunate state of public affairs existing throughout Montana, brought about by the unlawful and outrageous acts of county and state returning board members, and in view of the responsibility of our public servants, we, the undersigned democrats of Gallatin county, desire to publicly endorse the action of Governor Toole, Senator Hoffman, our members of the house of representatives, together with the democratic senators and representatives of the state at large in the maintenance of the present deadlock, believing that by this means only we can shield the fair name of our bright new state from dishonor.

W. C. Houston, B. E. Vail, Jas. W. Drennan, E. D. Ferguson, E. P. Rouse, J. W. Ponsford, R. H. Crawford, George L. Ramsey, A. J. Hunter, W. J. Sloan, W. McPherson, J. C. McManis, P. P. Worsham, Theo. Mormon, Wm. L. Perkins, L. E. Brooks, E. A. Speth, John Walsh, J. F. Barnhart, and a hundred others.

THE BOWIE KNIFE.

The Interesting Reminiscences of a Lafourche Editor. Col. S. T. Grisamore, the genial "Uncle Sidas" of the Thibodaux Sentinel, in a letter to a Texas gentleman, is published in the Galveston News, gives the following interesting reminiscences of the Bowie brothers:

"I have talked frequently with the late George W. Squires, who was a resident of Thibodaux when the Bowie brothers owned and resided on what is now the magnificent 'Acadia' plantation, owned by Hon. Andrew Price, the gallant young democrat who has just been elected to congress from the Third district. They resided about one mile below Thibodaux, and had their sugar house near the Bayou Lafourche. I do not think that either James or Stephen took much time on that place. Stephen and Lesin were the managers.

"Whether the famous knife was first conceived and made by these brothers, who called it a cut-throat, but I am satisfied that the Bowie knife was constructed and used before the brothers came to Lafourche.

"The south side of the Acadia plantation and found employment with the Bowies, my information is that both James and Stephen Bowie were blacksmiths by trade, and that the now historic knife was first made by Andrew Price, a warrant smith.

"When the Bowie family were residing on the Acadia plantation a carpenter by the name of Wilson immigrated into this section and found employment with the Bowies. At that period (more than fifty years ago) there was a set of bullies who rode roughshod over the people here and bid defiance to law and order. At the time of which I am speaking their leader was a man from Baton Rouge. Wilson went to Thibodaux one Saturday afternoon to make a few purchases, and was met by these rascals, who asked him to treat the crowd. He said that he never drank nor treated. They insisted, and Wilson refused, until finally he was kicked and stepped by the rascals and told that neither he nor any other stranger could live in Thibodaux who would not drink and treat.

"Wilson returned to the plantation and told Bowie how he had been treated; that he wanted a settlement so that he could go away, as he would not stay in such a place. Stephen told him he should not go to go to work and come to him the next Saturday noon.

"Wilson did so. During the week Stephen made a knife; so when Wilson came to him, Bowie said: 'Wilson, take this knife, go to Thibodaux, and if those bullies trouble you get out of their way, but if they touch you run this knife through them.'

"Wilson protested that he was not a fighting man; that he knew he was a coward, and that he would kill him if he did anything of that kind.

"Bowie told him to have no fear. 'I will be close by and no one will trouble you.' Wilson came to town and was soon approached by the band of rascals, headed by the big Baton Rougean. He was met at the corner of Market and Green streets and moved away from them to the corner of Main and Focus, four squares. Here the big fellow who had been cursing and abusing him all the time, filled his hand with tobacco juice and rubbed it all over Wilson's face. Wilson was left handed. He caught the bully with his right by the shoulder, and with his left he drew his knife and ran it into his opponent seven times, every cut of which was fatal.

"The rascals of Thibodaux were near by, hallooed, 'Kill him, Wilson; kill him, Wilson, all on directions. The bully fell dead and that ended the tyranny of the rascals.

"A man was once convicted in the courts here for a foul murder. A man by the name of Lagarde was sheriff. Being of a sensitive nature, rather than have the murderer be resigned his office, Stephen Bowie sought the appointment as successor, was commissioned by the governor, and when the time arrived, hanged the condemned man. The execution took place at the head of the street, subsequently cut into a canal. The man was put into a cart, a rope tied around his neck, and, with the other end fastened to a limb of a tree, the cart was driven away, leaving the murderer swinging in the air. Bowie then resigned his office.

An exchange chronicles the fact that Mrs. Sophia Bennington, of Xenia, Ohio, aged 46, has given birth to her twenty-fifth child.