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Republican National Ticket for 1880

FOR PRESIDENT,
GEN. ULYSSES S. GRANT.
(Subject to decision of Republican National Convention.)

—St. Louis, Mo., December 14.—A special from Houston, Texas, says the Masonic grand lodge of that state yesterday approved the action of the Mavahatchie lodge in expelling Rev. W. G. Veal, a well know minister of the gospel, for attempting to seduce Mrs. E. G. Griffin, of Waxahatchie the wife of a brother Mason. This decision practicly expels Veal from the Masonic order.

—Scranton, Pa., December 14—Frederick Roach sent his sixteen-year old son to Taylorsville yesterday on horseback for some oil of vitrol. The bottom of the vessel in which the oil was carried broke and the fluid worked into the boy's flesh, burning him so badly that he fell from the horse, which galloped home. When found he had torn his clothing off and soon after died in great agony.

—Gen. Grant's Cuban and Mexican trip will begin on Saturday, Dec. 27, when he will sail for Havana and Vera Cruz on the new steamship City of Alexandria. Drexel, Morgan & Co,, the New York bankers have engaged for him the two bridal state-rooms of the vessel, which are sumptuously furnished, and hung with satin and silk. Gen. Grant has liked the climate of Mexico every since the Mexican war.

—Pittsburg, Pa., December 14.—General Grant attended Christ's M. E. church this morning. During the remainder of the day he remained in the hotel, owing to the illness of Mrs. Grant who contracted a cold yesterday. Gen. Grant and party leave for Harrisburg to-morow morning at 6 o'clock, accompanied by the legislative committee, Adjutant General Latta and others, of the governor's staff, and General Brisbin, of the U. S. army, and wife.

—The Secretary of the Treasury is prepared to buy up one million dollars worth of the six per cents bonds due in 1881 and put them away where they will be hear of no more. Instead of replacing them with four per cents, and thus saving two per cent, per annum, he proposes to buy them out altogether with lawful money and thus save the whole six per cent—once for all. Sixty thousand dollars a year is worth saving.—Cleveland *Herald*.

—Little Rock, Ark., December 14.—A two-story brick stable, of J. Gillis, and a cotton compress were distroyed by fire last night Gillis, family were asleep in the second story, and all avenues of escape being cut off they dropped their two children out of the window to the ground below. Mrs. Gillis was suffocated by smoke and was burned to death. Gillis jumped out of the window and was picked up unconscious It is thought he is fatally injured. Both children were severely injured. Ten horses, a number of carriages and about 100 bales of cotton were destroyed. Loss, $35,000. A fireman was dangerously injured by falling down a stairway.

—There is an advertisement in our columns to which we take much pleasure in referring our readers, because we believe in it and can conscientiously and heartily recommend it. We refer to Hall's Hair Renewer. We remember many cases in our midst of old and middle aged people who formerly wore gray hair, or whose locks were thin and faded, but who now have presentable head pieces and with no little pride announce to their ftiends that they haven't a gray hair in their heads. It is a pardonable pride, and the world would be better off, if there was more of it for when the aged make themselves attractive to others they are more certain to win and retain the esteem and respect to which a burthen of well spent years entitles them. Try Hall's Hair Renewer if age or disease has thinned or whitened your locks and you will thank us for our advice—*Pan-Handle News, Wellsburg, W. Va.*

—The distillers would not have made and barrelled 71,892,621 gallons of whiskey, etc., during the last fiscal year, if they had not had an intelligent confidence in their ability to find customers at paying prices. It is a slight relief to know that 15,000,000 or so were sent across the seas to fire the brains and gnaw the stomachs of the effete despots and their subjects; but even with this deduction, there was eft on hand the enormous quantity of 56,893,000 gallons (in round numbers) of whiskey and its congeners for home consumption. Even if all Americans took their liquor straight—which they don't—and if the average price of a drink was ten cents—which we are informed is not the fact—the gurgling of the last swallow of this colossal potation down the free and equal American throat will represent an expenditure of between $341,000,000 and $455,000,000, acording to the size of the average bar drink. And the distillers are still at work.—*N. Y. Sun.*

Washington Letter.

[From our regular correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 15, 1879.

Congress, at the present session, seems to be emulating the example of the old Indian chief Powhatan and his council, as represented in the burlesque opera of "Columbus." They meet to adjourn. They have adjourned almost every day after 45 minutes labor, and have crowned the pyramid of adjournments with a resolution to adjourn from the 19th inst until January 6. An old salt remarked that, at sea, a dead calm was the precursor of a big storm. If the nautical sign is applicable to an American Congress, we may look for a big political earthquake or a first-class simoon when the flags are run up over the Capitol after the statesmen have returned from eating the rural rooster and the aristocratic turkey of the holidays. In looking over the House committees we were struck with the strange mutations of time. Fifteen years ago Gen. Joe Johnson, one of the most skillful of the Confederate Generals, commanded a Confederate army, and was striving with all his power to destroy or *disorganize* the army of the United States. To-day he is a member of the Military Committee of the House of Representatives, and chairman of the subcommittee on the *reorganization* of the army of the United States. If the wheel of fortune continues to turn as it has been turning for a few years past, we would not be surprised to see his portrait yet hung up in the War Department by the side of Stanton and Rawlins, and Sherman and Grant.

Apropos of the War Department, in tearing down the old War Department building this fall, it was discovered that the foundation was not of stone. The bricks were laid on the ground in a bed of mortar, and the place of a corner-stone was taken by a mortar-imbedded brick. This curious piece of masonry, in a somewhat dilapidated condition, has been fixed in a glass case, and is kept in the office of the Chief Clerk of the Department.

Writing of the mutations of time reminds us that one of Washington's old farms, a part of the Mt. Vernon estate, is advertised to be sold at auction in that sleepy old town of Alexandria, on the 18th inst. Washington had five farms, all lying adjacent to each other on the Potomac. The "Union Farm," containing 928 acres;', "Pogue Run Farm" containing 649 acres;" "Mudy-hole Farm," containing 476 acres;" "River Farm," containing 1,207 acres, and the small "Mansion House Farm," where his beautiful home and silent tomb look down from a lovely slope on the broad river below it. What portion of this large, estate again changes title, the lucid description of the auctioneer does not indicate.

Among the many superb statues which adorn the public parks and squares of the National Capitol, there have none yet been reared to any of the great and accomplished jurists of America, whose name and learning stand out in our legal literature and on the pages of history as great as those of Easkin, Eldon, or Coke. It is gratifying therefore, to see that a bill has just been introduced in the Senate appropriating $20,000 for the erection of a statue of ex-Chief Justice Marshall, of the United States Supreme Court, in Judiciary Square, Washington City. Whether it will pass, depend on the Congressional appreciation of America's most eminent jurist and greatest Chief Justice.

We have two classes of migratory birds in Washington just now. The tramps from the north, who are moving southward, and the black-bird's exodus from North Carolina, on their way to the happy land of Canaan known as Indiana. The first are in tribulation at finding the doors of the station-house closed to them after the second nights lodging' and the work-house open to them as vagrants. They are therefore gathering pennies through the day. Six or eight will meet among the board piles at night dump their pennies into a common bank, "pool their issues," get a quart of whisky as a partnership blanket, and make night hideous with their orgies. The black emigrants came here by rail, not alone, but with their ebony families, not in small gangs, but by the car-load. Out of money and out of transportation, they are given a place of refuge, in a colored church—men women children and dogs—untill money is raised by contributions throughout the city to send them to their land of promise in the ague districts of Indiana, where they can shiver and rejoice as they look back with scorn on the deserted tarheels and clay-eaters in the turpentine forests of the Carolinas.

The joint committee of the library have under consideration a proposition to purchase the sword worn by General Washington when he resigned his commission at Annapolis. The sword is offered for sale to the Government by Mr. H. H. Lewis, of Maryland, who has come into possession of it by inheriance, through Major Lewis, a nephew of General Washington. The action of the committee will doubtless inspire our zealous antiquarians to resurrect a carload of old hatchets with which Georgie cut the cherry tree.

The English astronomer, Richard A. Proctor, whose predictions of a magnificent meteoric shower kep thousands of people with their heads out of the window till 2 o'clock in the morning and sent them to bed with a cold in the head, disappointed and sold, is lecturing in this city on "Other Worlds and Other Suns." Many who remember his brilliant display of meteors keep away from this shower of worlds and suns.

A subscription list is being circulated in the House of Representatives in aid of the indigent districts of Ireland. About seventy-five members have contributed, and it is expected that the list will be adorned with the names of all the members of the House, and many dollars of our dads, before it is sent to the Emerald Isle. In emulation of the example of our national representatives, the Irish citizens of Washington are organizing with a view to secure contributions from the citizens of Washington for the suffering poor of their native land, and in view of the proverbial generosity of that race, we think they will make as good showing of contributions as any other city. The Irish stand here, in numbers, next below the colored people; but when any public demonstration, involving their nationality, is called for from them, they exhibit on our streets an astonishing mass of drilled, able-bodied men, out of all proportion to the displays of the other race.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Court has ordered in the above matter that a third general meeting of the creditors of said Bankrupts be held at Erie, Penna., in said District, on the 6th day of January, A. D. 1880, at 10 o'clock, A. M. at the office of S. E. Woodruff, Esq., one of the Registers in Bankruptcy in said District, for the purpose named in the 27th and 28th sections of the Bankrupt Act of March 2, 1867.

And further, that at said meeting I will report and exhibit to the Court and to the creditors just and true accounts of all my receipts and payments, together with such facts and information as are within my knowledge, pertaining to the estate of the said Bankrupts, to the end that the auditors may take such action thereon as is allowed and required by said 27th and 28th sections.

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"	" Ridgway	.....	2 33 p. m.
"	" Kane	.....	3 50 p. m.
"	arr. at Erie	.....	7 55 p. m.

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"	" Kane	.....	4 00 p. m.
"	" Ridgway	.....	5 05 p. m.
"	" St. Mary's	.....	5 27 p. m.
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