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The Mormon President.

The President talks with quiet assurance of the future of Mormons. The Church is increasing in numbers and the State in wealth. There is this cloud which rises over the United States and is even now bigger than a man's hand.

I have throughout given the President's views in his own words; but no description could convey a just idea of his quiet assurance and tone of simple confidence with which they were spoken.

Fugitive Howgate

WASHINGTON, November 23.—Chief Brooks, of the Government detective force, in his report, speaks of the remarkable success during the past year in overhauling offenders, especially counterfeiter.

It has long since become the settled belief that the Government does not wish to have Howgate brought to light, for many others could be involved in the tale he would unfold.

As it appears to the New York Evening Post there is a painful and ominous dearth of Presidential candidates in the Republican party.

The trouble with this view is that new men and issues, mutually different from the men and issues now before the country, imply a thorough reorganization and renovation of the grand old party, which can hardly be effected between now and the next Republican National convention.

War Certain.

PARIS, November 23.—The Chinese Ambassador has informed the British Foreign Secretary, that war is certain between China and France.

Gowen Resigns.

PHILADELPHIA, November 21.—Franklin B. Gowen has issued a circular dated today, in which he announces his intention of resigning the presidency of the Reading railroad at the expiration of his present term.

In his circular Mr. Gowen says: I am glad to be able to announce that the net earnings of the company for the current year (ending November 30) after providing for all the fixed charges will be equal to seven per cent, upon the preferred stock and fully five per cent, upon the common stock of the company.

A prominent official of the Reading road said to-night that Mr. Gowen's resignation from the presidency did not necessarily imply the total severance of his connection with the road.

After the Government has been stripped of the greatest portion of its vast domain it has become the fashion of both parties to put into their platforms most solemn declarations against any more donations of the public lands to railroad corporations.

The Secretary of the Interior has refused to grant the application of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company for a transfer to itself of the land grant of the Texas Pacific Company, and has turned the whole subject over to Congress for its decision.

The action of Congress in this case will determine just how much honesty there is in the professions of parties in regard to the public lands.

Matthew-Awful Mad.

THE PENNSYLVANIA REPUBLICANS FAIL TO CONSUMMATE THEIR PLANS.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—The grand advertised scheme of handing over the Pennsylvania delegation to Arthur at the coming republican convention has fallen through owing to the failure of the half-breed contingents to respond.

AN INTERESTING TRIAL ENDED.—The trial of the Armstrong case in Boston, which ended Saturday in a verdict for the heirs at law, developed some curious bits of family history.

The New York Sun editor declines an invitation from "R. B. Hayes, President of the National Prison Association," to become a member of that society, for these reasons among others:

As Illinois woman named Margaret K. Abina, wife of a well-to-do farmer, got mad at her husband ten years ago because he had at some money she brought him, went to bed saying she would never get up or do a stroke of work, and has been there ever since.

An organ which has just been built in Germany is believed to be the largest in existence. It counts one hundred and twenty-four registers, and is worked automatically by a gasmotor of four-horse-power.

More Truth About Virginia.

HOW NORTHERN REPUBLICANS REPUDEIATED MADONE'S METHOD.

"If the Northern papers will only publish the facts in regard to the condition of affairs in Virginia," said Hon. John Goode, late member of Congress from the Norfolk district, last night.

"The people of Virginia are as quiet, peaceable and law-abiding as those in any State in the country. A man who goes there to live is welcomed, and is treated with the utmost cordiality so long as he conducts himself as a gentleman."

At this time Hon. Eppa Hunton, Jr., of the party who were discussing the Virginia situation, "The war," said he, "was over eighteen years ago and I believe the attempt to make the people at the North think that it is still going on will be a failure."

A STATE which, like Pennsylvania, is almost certain to poll over 600,000 votes at the next Presidential election, and where, as we are assured by the Philadelphia Times, "the difference between the two parties on a fair test is not two per cent, of the vote," may be considered as one of the doubtful States in which the Democrats have a good fighting chance of success.

The vote cast at the late election was about 240,000 less than the Presidential vote in 1880; it is estimated to be 275,000 less than the legal vote. It is also to be noted that the Greenback vote of this year is much less than that of last year, while the Prohibition vote is much greater, and both will be factors of more or less importance in the coming National contest.

Evidently, then, nothing can be safely predicted on the recent November results as to what shape things will take in November, 1884. Much will depend upon candidates—much more, perhaps, all over the country than upon platforms. The tendency of the public mind, where other issues are not sharply defined, is to substitute persons for policies, and to exercise an independent judgment in respect to both.

In the first place, we have no evidence that Mr. R. B. Hayes is in fact President of the National Prison Association, and therefore not authorized to ask us to join.

It is suggested that all the public school children of Pennsylvania, shall each on a certain fixed day, give one penny towards a monument to be erected to the memory of Thaddeus Stevens, the father of the Common School System of Pennsylvania.

ARNOLD SCHAEFER, German historian and writer is dead at the age of 64.

Frank James Dying.

DEATH SO-N LIKELY TO CLAIM THE NOTORIOUS WESTERN BANDIT.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., November 23.—Word comes from Independence, Mo., that Frank James, the noted train robber, is dying in the jail there of consumption. One who has seen the outlaw says that he is greatly changed since the trial at Gallatin, and that he has not only lost a great deal of flesh, but has hectic flush and other symptoms of consumption.

Notwithstanding this fact, however, he seems to dread being brought away from Missouri to face the indictments in other States. Especially is he averse to being taken to Minnesota, where the Younger boys, his old comrades, are serving life sentences for the Northfield bank robbery.

It won't do; it would only excite the public still further against me, and other indictments would be pushed. No, I must wait in jail awhile longer. He believes that if he is acquitted in the Blue-Cut trial he will have no more trials to stand in Missouri.

In the heat of a political contest the words of independent men and journals have more weight with the thinking classes than the same utterances from partisans. The Philadelphia Ledger is one of that class of papers, and speaks thus concerning the loud, bitter, and malicious allegations made against Gov. Pattison: An attempt is being made to charge the cost of the extra session to Governor Pattison's account, but this is a shifting of responsibility that will not bear examination.

Heroism.

A MAN BURNED ALMOST TO A CRISP WHILE RESCUING A LIFE.

ERIE, Pa., November 22.—A tragic incident took place yesterday at Greene, in this county, in which true heroism was displayed. Fire broke out in the storehouse of James L. Lavey, totally destroying them.

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A FRENCH INVENTOR, who has patented a machine for the use of concentrated solar rays as a general motive power, has set up three of his machines in Algeria for the French government.

An Egyptian army, 10,000 strong, commanded by an English officer, named Hicks, has been cut off to the last man, in Soudan, by the forces of El Mahdi, known as the False Prophet. The English government is probably responsible for this massacre.