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THE CAPITAL.

The Late Secretary of War—Remains Laid in State in War Department—Departments Closed—Funeral Arrangements—Liquor Dealers' National Convention.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, September 7, 1869.

The body of Secretary Rawlins was removed to the War Department this morning and lies in state in General Sherman's rooms, attended by a military guard. All the military departments, including the Executive Mansion, are draped in mourning and the interior of the War Department festooned with black and national flags and crapes. Public business is entirely suspended in the War Department, and the national flags over all the departments are lowered throughout the city at half-mast.

DEPARTMENTS TO BE CLOSED.

The following is a copy of the letter sent to the heads of the departments of Government to-day by order of the President:

Department of State, September 7, 1869.

It is my melancholy duty to inform you that Hon. John A. Rawlins, Secretary of War, departed this life at twenty minutes past four o'clock yesterday afternoon. In consequence of this afflictive event, the President directs that the Executive departments of the Government be careful to manifest every observance of honor which custom has established as appropriate to the memory of one so eminent as a public functionary and so distinguished as a citizen.

(Signed) R. B. HAMILTON, Vice Secretary of State.

In accordance with the above, the several Secretaries have received letters to the heads of bureaus under their respective departments to-morrow and on Thursday until after the obsequies shall have been concluded.

Gov. Walker, with prominent Virginians, will participate in the funeral ceremonies.

No order has yet been made naming a Secretary of War *ad interim*, but from what the President said last night it is probable Gen. Sherman will be appointed until the vacancy can be filled.

THE REMOVAL OF THE REMAINS.

When the body of the late Secretary Rawlins was removed to the War Department this morning, Gen. Sherman and Adjutant General Townsend were present, and under their direction a guard was stationed at the entrance to the catafalque, and also at the entrance to the room. During the day a large number of persons visited the War Department to take the last look at the remains of the deceased, including among them were members of the Cabinet, army and navy officers and many civilians and ladies of note. The remains will be interred at the time of the funeral and the War Department kept open to afford the public an opportunity to see them.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The funeral escort will consist of four companies of artillery, a battalion of marines, Company K, 6th Cavalry and Battery F, 8th artillery. The interment takes place Thursday forenoon. A large number of military officers have been designated as pall-bearers by the President.

AT THE EXECUTIVE MANSION.

The President was at his office in the Executive Mansion, where he received and consulted with Secretaries Fish, Cox, Robinson and acting Secretary Richardson in relation to arrangements for the funeral obsequies of the late Secretary of War. The President is suffering from an attack of neuralgia.

A NATIONAL CONVENTION OF LIQUOR DEALERS.

The Liquor Dealers' Association of this city have addressed a circular to the liquor dealers throughout the country proposing to hold a National Convention here in December, and requesting delegates to be sent. The circular says the Temperance Convention just closed in Chicago, has, among its objects, the adoption of a prohibitory law in this District, an expert in the trade throughout the United States. The purpose of the proposed convention is to influence Congress to defeat any such measure.

SECRETARY OF WAR.

It is stated that General Sherman will act as Secretary of War, *ad interim*. The appointment of General Sherman as Secretary of War, late of the Army of Tennessee, and at present Chief Engineer of the Union Pacific Railroad, is prominently mentioned in connection with the accession to the office.

JUDGMENT OBTAINED.

Supervisor Drummond of Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and Dakota, in the case of the distillery of J. C. McCoy, seized by him some time ago near Iowa City, has obtained a judgment for forfeiture.

SENATOR FESSENDEN.

A private dispatch to Commissioner Delano states of Senator Fessenden, that his symptoms are more favorable and some hopes are entertained of his recovery.

The Water Famine at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, September 7.—At two o'clock this afternoon, connections having been completed at the Fairmount water works, the pumps of the fire and wrecking steamer John Fuller were set to work discharging their full capacity, eight thousand gallons per minute, into the reservoir. Chief Engineer Graff to day released the block-pump and thirty boats have been passed through, thus opening navigation which had been suspended since August 14th.

Circles Steamboat Burned.

KEOKUK.

The Mississippi Valley Commercial Convention—First Day's Session.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

KEOKUK, Iowa, September 7.—The Mississippi Valley Commercial Convention assembled in this city this afternoon, at Gibbon's Opera House. It has been called in pursuance of a resolution of the Commercial Convention recently held in New Orleans, which called for the holding of a Convention on the upper Mississippi some time during the summer, to consider all matters connected with the commerce and trade of the Mississippi river and its tributaries, and to see the great river and its branches in their natural and artificial condition, and to report thereon to the Commercial Convention.

At three o'clock P. M., after music, Gen. H. Sanders, of Iowa, called the convention to order, and Gen. Cyrus H. Bussey, of Louisiana, was elected temporary chairman, with four temporary secretaries.

Gen. Bussey returned thanks. An address of welcome was then delivered by William Leighton, Esq., of Keokuk.

A Committee of one from each State, presented was then appointed on credentials, as follows: A. M. Savage, Illinois; W. H. Swift, Missouri; A. Burwell, Louisiana; H. B. Horn, Kansas; H. E. Hanson, Tennessee; George M. Rice, Ohio; Wm. F. Murray, Minnesota; M. W. Belthover, Pennsylvania; Robert Sommers, Kentucky; A. J. Messinger, Wisconsin; John S. Dillon, Iowa.

An attempt was made to appoint a Committee on Permanent Organization, but this was voted down, members insisting that no such Committee could be appointed until the Committee on Credentials had reported.

Mr. Shryock, President of the St. Louis Board of Trade, was called for and made a speech in which he insisted that Congress should appropriate ten millions of dollars at once to improve the Mississippi river and remove obstructions, natural and artificial.

Several other gentlemen made brief speeches. The Committee on Credentials made their report which was read and adopted. It simply gives the names of all the delegates who have been elected or appointed, and not simply the names of those present.

General A. H. Sanders, after a few eloquent and appropriate remarks, offered resolutions complimentary to the distinguished character and services of the late John A. Rawlins, Secretary of War, which were read and adopted, with thanks by Gen. Tuttle, Gen. Vandever, Gen. Bussey, and others, were unanimously adopted.

NEW YORK CITY.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

New York, September 7, 1869.

At a meeting of citizens held at the Sub-Treasury to-day a proposition to raise \$50,000 for Mrs. Rawlins was carried, and an amount of fifteen thousand dollars subscribed on the spot, including that of President Grant for one thousand, received by General from Washington. All the public buildings will be closed to-morrow and Thursday, in honor of the late Secretary of War, and the purchase of United States bonds advertised for to-morrow is postponed till Friday.

Sheridan Shook, a Collector of Internal Revenue, has been arrested and held to bail on a charge of fraud. Another officer named Shook, and several others on the same charge. Mr. Shook declares his innocence.

Judge Keokuk to day discharged under a writ of *habeas corpus* Martin Leland, charged with forging Philadelphia city warrants, on the ground that the evidence was not sufficient to hold him.

Jan. B. Caffery, a prominent painter, died to-day, aged 50.

Miss Bateman, the actress, was a passenger on the steamer *Saxonia* took \$40,000 in specie. An epidemic, the exact nature of which is not known, has broken out among the cattle in Orange county.

Woman's Rights Convention.

St. Louis, September 7.—At a special meeting of the Woman's Rights Association of this city, held this evening, the following delegates were chosen to attend the Chicago Convention: Mrs. W. T. Hazard, Mrs. Geo. B. Hall, Mrs. Edward Titman, Mrs. Rufus J. Lockland and Mrs. John O. Orrick. Miss Phoebe W. Cousins was appointed a delegate to the Cincinnati Convention.

Letters were read from a large number of persons announcing their intention to be present at a special Convention to be held here on the sixth and seventh of October, among them the following: Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, of Boston, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, of New York; Mary Livermore and Judge Waite and wife, of Chicago; Sharon Tyndale, secretary of State, of Illinois; Henry S. Fooks, of Tennessee; Miss Lily Peckham, of Milwaukee; Mrs. R. Davis, of R. I. Delegates will be here from quite a number of States, including some from the South and from California. Ample arrangements have been made for the reception of delegates.

California Election Excitement.

San Francisco, September 6.—The official returns of the Fall ward have been counted, giving McOppin, the Mayor, a majority of 18. The Democrats are confident McOppin is elected. The Independents threaten McOppin shall not be permitted to assume the office if he is counted in. There is much excitement.

SECOND EDITION.

FOUR O'CLOCK, A. M.

THE COAL MINE CALAMITY.

Unavailing Efforts to Reach the Entombed Miners.

THE COMMUNITY HORRIFIED.

Crowds Flock to the Scene.

MINING GENERALLY SUSPENDED.

Repeated Descents of the Shaft.

THE LAST HOPE GONE.

Six Hundred Widows and Orphans.

THE LATEST PARTICULARS.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

SCRANTON, September 7.—Noon.—The very latest accounts from the scene of the dreadful calamity at Avondale Mine are to the effect that nothing has been done which warrants a hope for the safety of the men below. A steam fan has been put up and now in operation driving pure air into the shaft, but the quantity of foul air that still remains renders it impossible for a descent to be made. A tunnel is being excavated with all possible speed, by which it is hoped to intersect the chamber where all the men are entombed. They will probably reach this chamber about five or six o'clock this afternoon. Old and experienced miners fear that at all events, but there are some who hope that the closing of the doors of the passages leading from the shafts has prevented the circulation of fire or choke damp and confined all the foul air to the shaft. The smoke and fire did not reach the internal passages, it is thought no choke damp or gas from the shafts has entered the mine. If the fire did not reach the internal passages, it is thought no choke damp or gas from the shafts has entered the mine. If the fire did not reach the internal passages, it is thought no choke damp or gas from the shafts has entered the mine.

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NEWS BY CABLE.

State of Emperor Napoleon's Health—Nothing Reliable or Satisfactory—London "Times" on the French Situation—Spain and the Cuban Question—Every Effort to be Made to Retain the Sovereignty of the Island—Protect General Sikes Against Executions Without Trial.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

FRANCE.

LONDON, September 6.—The condition of Napoleon's health commands universal attention. The most reliable reports received from Paris in this city to-day represent the health of the Emperor as unaltered, and not improved. He has been quite weak during a couple of days past, and not in sufficient strength or tone to attend to business of any sort.

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PHILADELPHIA.

The Attempted Assassination of a Rev.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

PHILADELPHIA, September 7.—A number of men charged with complicity in the attempted assassination of Rev. John Stockton, liquor dealer, were heard three weeks ago to say, he knew when an attempt would be made on his life. He was shot by a man named Alken, directly after the shooting, left his revolver, and fled to the city of Philadelphia. He was heard to say he was glad Brooks had been shot, and that he was glad Brooks had been shot, and that he was glad Brooks had been shot.

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VERMONT ELECTION.

Unusually Quiet Campaign—Republican State Ticket Successful.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

BURLINGTON, Vt., September 8, 1. A. M.

The canvass in Vermont has been one of the quietest known in many years. Returns from thirty-three towns, casting about one-fourth the vote of the State, have been received. Republican Governor, 6921 votes; Heaton, Democrat, 2162. The same towns last year gave 7422 Republican, 5932 Edwards, Democrat, 3468. The ratio of thirty-three per cent. in the Republican vote, and nearly thirty-seven per cent. in the Democratic vote.

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CHICAGO.

Cigar Makers' Convention—American Pharmaceutical Association—Convention of Universalists.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

CHICAGO, September 7.—At the session of the Cigar Makers' International Convention to-day the following resolutions were adopted:

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