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THE CAPITAL.

(By Telegram to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13, 1869.

GEN. BELKNAP APPOINTED SECRETARY OF WAR.

It is known that General Sherman accepted the office of Secretary of War only temporarily, or until the President could make a permanent appointment. The President has now appointed Major General Wm. M. Belknap, of Keokuk, Iowa. Major General Belknap is a graduate of Princeton College, New Jersey. He served in the army from the first to the last day of the late war. He commanded one of the divisions of the fifteenth army corps in General Sherman's last two campaigns, with great credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his superiors. He is about thirty-eight years of age, in excellent health, and is a lawyer by profession. He has already been telegraphed, and will reach Washington in a few days, when General Sherman will formally resign his position as Secretary of War, and General Belknap will enter upon the duties of the office.

WHOLESALE CAPTURE AND DESTRUCTION OF CONTRABAND LIQUORS.

Collector Wilcox and Assessor Furnace, of the Third District of Virginia, report to the department their operations in connection with the suppression of illicit distilleries in that State. Seven counties were visited in twenty-three days, and an area of over two thousand miles traveled. Forty-seven illicit stills, with an aggregate producing capacity of 1,500 gallons per day, were destroyed, 800 gallons of apple brandy were confiscated, and as much more destroyed, for lack of transportation. The distilleries were located either in deep mountain ravines or at the termini of roads seldom traveled by the parties engaged in the fraudulent business.

A PRESIDENTIAL PARTY.

President Grant, Gen. Sherman, Postmaster Gen. Crestwell, Secretary Cox and House Capron, will leave Washington to-morrow at seven o'clock. They will be joined by a committee at the Relay House, which will escort them to Monocacy Junction, where the President and party will be received by a committee, and under its escort proceed to the grounds of the Agricultural Society. The visitors will remain in Frederick until Friday morning, and then proceed by carriage to visit the battle fields of South Mountain and Antietam, returning here the same evening.

BANK REPORTS.

The Comptroller of the Currency today notified the National banks to forward to him the annual report of their condition at the close of business on Saturday, October 9th.

A COLORED MAN LYNCHED.

A colored man, who committed an outrage on a young lady school teacher near Fort Washington, was taken forcibly from the custody of the officers on Monday, by a party of twenty masked men, and hung to a tree.

LOUISVILLE.

Commercial Convention.—Interesting Proceedings.

(By Telegram to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

LOUISVILLE, October 13.—The Convention met at a quarter of ten o'clock, with a full attendance of delegates and spectators, including a large number of ladies. After prayer by Rev. A. H. Platt the Convention proceeded to business.

The committee reported on general organization, together with a recommendation as to the organization and order of business, the subjects thereof as follows:

Order of Business.—The Committee recommended that the Convention appoint the following Standing Committees, each to be composed of one member from each State represented, and each Committee to select its own Chairman, and that each Committee be as follows:

First, on Southern Pacific Railroad; Second, on railroads generally; Third, on direct trade with Europe; Fourth, emigration; Fifth, finance and banking; Sixth, on manufactures and mining; Seventh, on Mississippi levees and improvements; Eighth, on river navigation, canals and other improvements; Ninth, on agriculture; Eleventh, on continuous water line communications between the Mississippi river and the Atlantic seaboard; Twelfth, on the removal of obstructions to a cheap and easy outlet through the Mississippi and Gulf of Mexico; on imports.

Other resolutions were reported as to representation in the Convention and to facilitate its business.

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[The committee recommend the same Order of Business as given above.]

The committee offer for your adoption the following resolutions:

First.—That each delegate be required to announce to the Convention, and to the secretaries thereof, the chairman of such delegation, and that all resolutions after being read, shall be referred to an appropriate committee, without debate.

Second.—That all votes shall be per capita, except when a division shall be called for, when each State shall have one vote for each Senator and Representative to Congress to which the State is entitled—provided, that when a State is not fully represented, no delegate therefrom shall be allowed to cast more than one vote.

Third.—That no delegate shall speak on the subject of the Convention, or on the same subject, except with the consent of the Chairman of the Convention, and that no delegate shall be allowed to speak more than once.

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Mr. Hillard, of Georgia, offered an amendment to the report of the Committee on the subject of the Convention, to be added after adopting the amendment offered by Mr. Hillard, the report of the Committee was adopted.

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The Secretary then read a list of the standing committees elected to-day, and unimportant to be given by telegraph.

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The great American Concert will be given in Miseger Hall to-night.

A grand ball is announced to take place in Masonic Temple to-morrow night, which will be the inauguration of the temple after being remodelled.

The leading manufacturers and others who can exhibit their goods and advertise their houses will participate profitably generally.

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SECOND EDITION.

FOUR O'CLOCK, A. M.

THE ELECTIONS.

(By Telegram to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

PITTSBURGH, October 13.—The following additional returns received show the Democratic gains in Lehigh county are 33, in Beaver 50, in Mercer 60, in Clearfield 150; Republican gains in Butler county 30, in York 123, in Bucks 200, in twenty-two districts with fourteen to hear from.

A special dispatch to the Evening Bulletin, from Harrisburg, says leading State officials here claim the election of Geary by at least 5,000 majority. The Democratic State central organ, the Patriot & Union, concedes that Geary is defeated.

PHILADELPHIA, October 13.—The following additional returns were received: Washington county—dem. maj. 175, dem. gain 173.

Luzerne—dem. maj. 3,300, dem. gain 123.

Monroe—dem. maj. 2,516, dem. gain 462.

Wayne—dem. maj. 516, dem. loss 183.

Berks—dem. maj. 30, dem. gain 60.

Jefferson—dem. maj. 45, dem. gain 27.

Clinton—dem. maj. 700, dem. loss 173.

Putnam—dem. maj. 700, dem. loss 163.

York—dem. maj. 2,800, dem. loss 153.

Clearfield—dem. maj. 1,400, dem. gain 258.

Northampton—dem. maj. 3,450, dem. gain 201.

Fayette—Dem. majority 750, dem. loss 273.

Mercer—Rep. majority 680, republican loss 36.

Butler—Rep. majority 400, rep. loss 31.

Beaver—Rep. maj. 700, rep. loss 163.

Lehigh—Dem. majority 1,605, Dem. gain of 33.

Somerset—Rep. majority 1,100, rep. loss 257.

Lancaster—Rep. majority 3,000, rep. loss 1,745.

Allegheny—Rep. majority 5,000, rep. loss 3,957.

Warren—Rep. majority 600, rep. loss 130.

Union—Rep. majority 584, rep. loss 130.

Perry—Rep. majority 50, rep. loss 174.

Indiana—Rep. majority 1,855, rep. loss 33.

Snyder—Rep. majority 450, rep. loss 72.

Hon. John Covode, Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, has received dispatches from all but nine counties, and without an estimate on good basis for the balance, the majority will not be far from 4,000 either way.

OHIO.

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