

FROM EUROPE!

THE CONFERENCE. LONDON, May 10.—The Peace Conference held its second session today.

PEACE OF EUROPE ASSURED. Earl Derby stated in Parliament last night that he considered the preservation of the peace of Europe no longer a question of doubt.

AMENDMENT TO REFORM BILL. In the House of Commons, last night, a division took place on an amendment by the Government to the Reform Bill.

THE NEW CABLE PROJECT. PARIS, May 10.—The new Franco-American Telegraph Company, which proposes to lay an electric cable between Brest and Halifax, has been promised the support and assistance of the Imperial Government.

SAILED FOR AMERICA. ATHENS, May 10.—Kangaris, the Envoy of Greece to the United States, has sailed for America.

Virginia Politics. A Richmond correspondent of the Philadelphia Press, says: There seems to be three elements seething here in Virginia. First—And at the same time the most numerous and best organized, is the Southern Party, the radical rebels, "Passwits," or "Submissionists," as the Whig calls them.

There are probably about 80,000 votes in the first, 20,000 in the second, and 75,000 in the third. There ought to be 20,000 votes added to the third for negroes; and there will be, unless the movement represented by the Whig undertake to "rule the roost," in which case the enemies of both parties will probably carry the State.

Trial of Jefferson Davis. The country will be gratified to learn that Jefferson Davis will have an early trial, and that Chief Justice Chase will try him. It will take place in Richmond.

WASHINGTON REGISTER.—The question of the refusal to open the registry of the city of Washington to allow additional votes to register, was brought into court on Friday last.

Military Activity in France and Prussia.—Christians Murdered by Turks. NEW YORK, May 10.—The Herald's Paris correspondence, referring to war preparations of France, says: The military scenes witnessed in the streets of Paris, moving of artillery, guns, gun carriages and munitions were similar to those just seen previous to the Crimean war and Italian campaigns.

The Invalids of St. Petersburg. The Invalids of St. Petersburg, refers to the violence and murders perpetrated by the Turks in Crete, and the sublime heroism displayed by the Christians in resisting them.

The American Citizen.



The Largest Circulation of any Paper in the County.

C. E. ANDERSON, Editor, BUTLER PA. WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 1867.

Party Nominations. In the call issued by the Republican county committee for holding primary elections for the nomination of candidates to be supported at the fall election, we find this language: "That the local boards at the primary elections are instructed to receive the vote of no person not known to be a Republican."

CABINET MEETING.—The Cabinet meeting on Friday last, is said to have been a long one. The questions arising under the reconstruction act, propounded by General Sheridan and Schofield, were under consideration, and the Attorney General gave a resume of his opinion on the same.

TRIAL OF JEFF. DAVIS.—The Washington Star of 10th instant, says: "There is now believed to be little doubt that Jeff. Davis is to be tried during the present term of the United States circuit court at Richmond."

It is now many days since Maximilian disappeared from the surface of things, and it is about time he was heard from. There is just enough doubt in his case to make it interesting, there being a bare possibility that he has been rather summarily disposed of than is usual with Emperors, by falling into the hands of those against whom he so lately thundered his terrible bulls.

SENATOR DOOLITTLE'S Russian Mission, it is established, relates to the recently ratified treaty. Quite a spicy correspondence has arisen between the two governments relative to the payment of large telegraph bills for messages over the cable.

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IMPEACHMENT INVESTIGATION.—On 10th instant, the Judiciary committee heard of F. M. Trenholm & Co., and brother of the witness examined this week relative to the pardon business, and Col. Andrews, of West Virginia. The latter testified relative to the pardon of one hundred and fifty soldiers alleged to be deserters.

PUBLIC DEBT.—The statement of the public debt for some months to come will show a considerable increase of the same. The amount of coin and currency to pay the interest falling due on the first of May, June, and July, is very large, and will cause a great decrease of funds in the vaults of the Treasury.

Reports from all parts of our country warrant us in the assertion that the prospects for an abundant crop of wheat and rye have not been so flattering for a number of years as they are at present.

Proceedings of the Butler Co. Sabbath School Convention and Institute.

Pursuant to previous notice many of the friends of the Sabbath School cause met in the U. P. Church, at Butler, on Tuesday the 7th instant, at 10 o'clock, a. m. Rev. J. D. Legitt acted as temporary chairman.

While the committee was out Dr. L. Young made an address of welcome to those present, which was very appropriate to the occasion, and was listened to with marked attention.

CONSTITUTION. ART. I. This society shall be called the Butler county Sabbath School Association, auxiliary to the Pennsylvania State Sunday school Association.

ART. II. All Sabbath school teachers, pastors, officers, and friends of Sabbath schools, shall be members of this Association, by enrolling their names with the Secretary and attending regular meetings of the society.

ART. III. The officers of this society shall be a President, Vice Presidents; a Secretary and Treasurer; elected annually by a majority vote. Vacancies in any office shall be filled by the Executive committee.

ART. IV. There shall be an Executive committee of five persons elected at the annual meeting, who shall manage the affairs of this society in the interim of the meetings. They shall have power to call special meetings of this society, and do whatever else may promote the good of the S. S. cause in this county.

ART. V. An annual meeting of this society for the election of officers, and transaction of other business, shall be held on the first Tuesday in June, in each year, at such place as the Society may elect.

ART. VI. Amendments to this constitution may be made at any annual meeting by a two-third vote of members present.

After singing and prayer, the Association adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock p. m.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Dr. Young, President elect, took the chair. Institute opened with singing, and prayer for our teachers.

Rev. J. E. Gilbert, of the M. E. church, of Buffalo, N. Y., and Rev. C. E. Barto, of the Baptist church, both experienced in conducting Sabbath schools, were present.

On motion, Rev. J. E. Gilbert was unanimously elected to take charge of the Association and conduct the exercises of the same, with the privilege of changing the printed programme of exercises as he might deem best for the good of the cause, and the dispatch of business.

Mr. Gilbert was then introduced and made a few practical remarks with respect to the object and design of Sabbath school Institutes, and the manner of conducting the same.

The Institute was then divided into classes, each with a teacher, and spent thirty minutes in going over the lesson—Mark vii. 31-37; which was followed by a report from each teacher on his plan of the lesson, the duties or lessons drawn and the applications made.

After singing and prayer, the Association adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock.

Communications.

Mr. EDITOR, DEAR SIR.—In a free election government like ours, the voice of the people is held to be supreme. Hence it is, that when new questions arise in the administration of public affairs, upon which a difference of opinion is entertained by the different departments of the government, an appeal is usually made to the people at the annual elections; and their decision is generally considered binding upon all good citizens.

The Institute opened with singing, prayer and reading a portion of Scripture. Rev. C. E. Barto introduced and explained the following plan as a "Preparation for Teaching," in which eight points are to be considered: 1st. Prayer; 2d. Carefully read the lesson; 3d. Parallel passages; 4th. Getting all the material; 5th. Leading thoughts; 6th. Plan of lesson; 7th. Study the wants of children; 8th. Plenty of illustration.

The following method was suggested by Rev. Tibbles, viz: Persons, places, dates, doings or events, doctrines or lessons, and duties.

Rev. Gilbert gave the following plan of preparation, and explained the same at length: 1st Prayer; 2d Memorize; 3d Parallel passages; 4th Independent study; 5th Make analysis; 6th Consult authors; 7th Adapt truth to the necessities of each scholar; 8th Illustrate; 9th ponder and pray. This plan was fully and ably illustrated by the conductor.

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On motion, it was agreed that the closing exercises of the Institute be held in the Old School Presbyterian church.

1st. And mainly—Religious instruction to children and adults. 2d Results—Conversation and instruction, or building up. In short, giving the Bible to children.

The subject of monthly and yearly reviews was then taken up and duly considered.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 7 1/2 p. m. in the O. S. Presbyterian church.

The Institute met in the O. S. Presbyterian church. Opened with singing and prayer. This being the session appointed for the general meeting of Sabbath schools, a number of the same was largely represented. The order of business being: "Addresses to children;" Rev. C. E. Barto took for the subject of his address: "Give our lives to Jesus."

1. Reason why we should give our lives to Jesus. If we do not we shall die. 2d If we do we shall be happy. We cannot be happy if we live for ourselves. 3d We are made for Jesus. 4th He died for us. These points were illustrated and explained.

Resolved, "That the State Executive Committee, this day constituted, when issuing the call for the next annual State convention, in addition to the other business submitted to said convention, shall require the people to send their delegates instructed to put in nomination one candidate for State Treasurer and one candidate for United States Senator."

The adoption of the foregoing resolution would settle the whole matter. Some directions might be given as to reasonable notice of the calling of said convention, so as to prevent a surprise on the people.

Let a convention thus called, meet and put these candidates in nomination, and all will be well. But, say some, "there is no warrant in the Constitution for this proceeding, and the Legislature might not respect it." To this it can be replied, "neither is there any provision in the Constitution for the nomination of President and Vice President. Yet electors chosen to elect a certain candidate, have never, in a single instance, refused to obey the popular choice."

Psalmody.

In my younger days I never came in contact with a man who taught that David's Psalms were alone to be used in worship. In fact, not until within the last three years have I had any immediate connection with persons of this faith.

I am still in the same dilemma. I am not after Mr. R.'s inferences, nor the inferences of any other man. Mr. R. concludes our Savior sang a Divine song on the mount. Now, I conclude he did not sing a hymn at all on the mount. At least we have no knowledge of anything being sung there, if a man's salvation is hung on a matter of this kind it ought to be founded on something more authoritative than a man's inferences and conclusions.

Mr. R. concludes to think Satan is the author of the expression, "Rouse's version of the Psalms." He informs us that they are a translation. I am really sorry that my good friend has so exposed his ignorance.

By the Constitution of the United States, it is directed that U. S. Senators shall be elected by the Legislatures of the several States. A provision in our own Constitution provides that our State Treasurer be similarly elected.

Of course, when these provisions were respectively adopted, it was believed that the Legislature in this, as in all other matters, would reflect the popular will. This, however, time has demonstrated to be a great delusion. It is not an open question, but a fact in the history of the country that the voice of the people was wholly disregarded in the late election of our United States Senator.

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Announcements.

Mr. EDITOR.—You will please announce the name of THOMAS ROBINSON, of Butler County, as a candidate for Assembly, subject to the decision of the Republican Primary Election.

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Mr. EDITOR.—You will please announce the name of MAJ. W. C. ADAMS, of Fairview, as a candidate for Assembly, subject to the decision of the Republican Primary Election.

Mr. EDITOR.—You will please announce the name of ARTHUR CAMPBELL, of Washington township, as a candidate for County Commissioner, and obligate.

Mr. EDITOR.—Please announce the name of SAMUEL TAGGERT, of Ready Hill, formerly of Slipperyock, as a candidate for Commissioner, subject to the usage of the party.

Mr. EDITOR.—You will please announce the name of MATTHEW GIBBER, Sr., of Buffalo township, as a candidate for County Commissioner. It is necessary to say nothing in regard to the fitness and qualifications of Mr. Gibber for this position, as the tax payers and citizens of Buffalo township are well acquainted with his character and ability to discharge the duties of the office.

Mr. EDITOR.—You will please announce the name of TIMOTHY P. VOLNO, of Summit township, as a suitable person for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Primary Election.

Mr. EDITOR.—You will confer a favor on many voters of the Republican party by announcing the name of THOMAS VANDERKAM, of Summit township, as a suitable candidate for the office of Commissioner. Mr. Vanderkam has always been an ardent supporter of the principles of our party. In urging his nomination we think we are asking nothing more than is due this section of the county.

Mr. EDITOR.—You will please announce the name of CHARLES HOFFMAN, Esq., of the borough of Saxtonville, as a candidate for the office of County Commissioner. Mr. Hoffman is a very suitable person for this office. He is an English and German scholar. He served his country in the Mexican war under Col. S. Black, and in the recent war, in the 78th Regiment, F. V. He has been honorably discharged. Mr. Hoffman is a man of high character and sound judgment, and is well qualified to discharge the duties of the office.

Mr. EDITOR.—You will please announce the name of JOHN HANCOCK, Esq., of Summit township, as a candidate for County Commissioner. Mr. Hancock is a man of high character and sound judgment, and is well qualified to discharge the duties of the office.

Mr. EDITOR.—You will please announce the name of THOMAS B. WHITE, of the borough of Butler, as a candidate for County Auditor, subject to the decision of the Republican Convention. Mr. White served a full term of two years as a private in the 78th Regiment, F. V., and was discharged at the close of the war.

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