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THE FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION WAS HELD AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, BEGINNING ON LAST FRIDAY AND ADJOINING YESTERDAY. JUDGE JOHNSON H. HARRISON, OF ALABAMA, WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT. A LARGE NUMBER OF DELEGATES WERE PRESENT. THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS WAS READ AND WAS OF A MOST ENCOURAGING CHARACTER. THE RECEIPTS FOR THE PAST YEAR WERE \$113,522, AND FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS WERE \$812,662. THERE ARE MISSIONS IN ITALY, BRAZIL, MEXICO, JAPAN, CHINA AND AFRICA WITH 88 MISSIONARIES, 22 SCHOOLS, 823 PUPILS, 67 CHURCHES AND 2,377 MEMBERS.

An appeal was made to increase the endowment of the Southern Theological Seminary at Louisville, and a subscription of over \$20,000 was at once raised.

The report of the Home Mission Board showed a great enlargement of the work, as follows: number of missionaries, 401; baptisms 5,349; churches built 143, and admissions to churches 9,087.

A resolution was adopted asking that the World's Fair at Chicago be closed on Sunday.

The next meeting of the Convention will be held at Atlanta, Georgia, on the first Friday before the second Sunday in May.

THE PENSION LAW OF THIS STATE WAS AMENDED AND IMPROVED BY THE LEGISLATURE AT ITS LAST SESSION. HERETOFORE ONLY INDIGENT WIDOWS, THAT IS, THOSE WHO WERE UTTERLY DESTITUTE, COULD HAVE A PENSION, BUT NOW THE WORD "INDIGENT" IS STRICKEN OUT AND WIDOWS ARE PLACED ON THE SAME FOOTING AS OTHERS. ANOTHER AMENDMENT IS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD OF PENSIONS" WHICH BOARD CONSISTS OF FIVE WELL-DETERMINED SOLDIERS, TO WHOM SHALL BE REFERRED ALL APPLICATIONS FOR PENSIONS. WHERE AN APPLICATION FOR A PENSION HAS BEEN ALLOWED, IT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR THE PENSIONER TO FILE ANOTHER APPLICATION, BUT HE OR SHE MUST OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE EVERY YEAR FROM THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT, ENDORSED BY THE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD, SHOWING THAT THE APPLICANT IS THE IDENTICAL PERSON NAMED IN THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION ON FILE IN THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE. ALL APPLICATIONS FOR PENSIONS MUST BE MADE ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST MONDAY IN JULY.

THE SOLDIERS' HOME at Raleigh was formally opened, on last Monday, with appropriate exercises. In the presence of a large audience Gov. Holt made an appropriate address, formally opening the Home, which is situated at the old fair grounds near the eastern limits of Raleigh. The last Legislature appropriated \$3,000 a year for the support of the Home, but of course this sum is not sufficient for the purpose, and private contributions must be made from time to time. A small amount contributed every year by the people of each county would hardly be missed by the contributors, and yet would comfortably provide for a large number of infirm and impoverished ex Confederates.

ITALIAN IMMIGRANTS are coming to this country in greater numbers than ever before notwithstanding the late lynching at New Orleans. A ship left Naples last week loaded with 1400 immigrants. And yet the Italian government complains that the American government does not protect Italians and that they are not safe in this country!

CLEVELAND INVITED TO N. C.

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 12, 1891.— Senator Ransom has come from North Carolina with an invitation signed by all the Democratic members of Congress and all the judges, and the leading citizens of the State to Mr. Cleveland to attend an educational convention to be held at Morehead City the first week of July. The Senator, who is an ardent admirer of the ex President, was enthusiastic in his description of the concourse of people who would attend. "Why, sir," he said to a friend, "if Mr. Cleveland consents the whole State will turn out to do him honor." Mr. Cleveland expressed his gratification for the compliment tendered him, and while not positively committing himself, intimated that it was not probable that his engagements would permit him to accept the invitation.

The board of missions of the M. E. Church, South, at its recent session in Wilmington, appropriated \$250,000 for mission work in Japan, Mexico, China, Indian Territory and the West.

The grip is ravaging London, all business being more or less effected by it.

The Italian Government has recalled its Consul at New Orleans.

Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, May 8, 1891.

Well, well! can it be that after all of Mr. Blaine's jingoism as to our rights in Behring Sea that we are to timidly back down? That's the talk here now. According to my information, Mr. Blaine has discovered that we have nothing to arbitrate and that Russia never set up any such claims as he has done when she was the owner of Alaska, and does not now recognize that the United States has any such rights. As the story goes, as soon as Mr. Blaine saw that we had not the slightest show under the proposed arbitration, he began to search for a hole to crawl out of with as little loss of dignity as possible. He began then to lay wires for a triple international agreement between the United States, Russia and England, for the prevention of the indiscriminate killing of seals in Behring Sea, and now, it is said, that pending further negotiations no seals are to be taken at all this season. Officials at the State and Treasury departments refuse to either confirm or deny this story.

A whole week has gone by without a new and entirely different statement from the preceding one of the condition of the Treasury having been given out. Last week there were three or four of them. Mum is the word now, while the Secretary and his expert accountants are preparing the figures for the protest veto change statement, which if it meets with Mr. Harrison's approval, and that there's little doubt, is to be given to the public on the first of June. The intention is to follow republican precedent by manipulating the trust funds in the monthly statement of the national debt in such a way as to show a large available surplus where practically none exists.

The first mutterings of a storm in the ranks of the republican party are being heard here. So far Mr. Harrison has apparently had it all his own way in his march towards a second nomination, and none of his party have seen fit to attempt to make any organized opposition to him, but squalls are ahead for him. This week Representative Farquhar, of New York, has openly stated here his belief that Harrison could not possibly be elected, and an Indiana republican of prominence has said that Harrison could not carry that State. These are straws showing the drift of republican sentiment.

The Blaine men cannot be kept down much longer; they hate Harrison, and every time that Russell Harrison's newspaper in its silly attempts to make glory for Harrison casts a slur upon Blaine that hatred is intensified. These men would rather see a democrat elected than have to stand Harrison for an other four years, and mark the prediction, in six months they will be shouting that sentiment from the house tops. Mr. Blaine may be perfectly willing that Mr. Harrison should be renominated, although I have serious doubts of it, but his friends are not. They hope, of course, to nominate Blaine, whether he consents or not, but they are determined, as will be seen before long, that in any event Harrison shall not be nominated if they can prevent it; and they think they can. There's musical lead as sure as you're born, and with good management, the democrats are right to victory keeping time without.

In the opinion of leading members of the party as expressed here lately have any influence with the democratic caucuses of the House of Representatives the next speaker of the House will certainly be a Southern man. These gentlemen have argued that the South is entitled either to the Speakership or to a place on the national ticket, and that visitors from the various parts of the country will see that the South deserves either the speakership or for each passenger 12 years old or over may be demanded and collected for all distances under 10 miles, 25 cents for over 10 miles; then 25 cents for 20 miles and 35 cents for 30 miles; and 45 cents for 40 miles; and 55 cents for 50 miles; and 65 cents for 60 miles; and 75 cents for 70 miles; and 85 cents for 80 miles; and 95 cents for 90 miles; and 105 cents for 100 miles; and 115 cents for 110 miles; and 125 cents for 120 miles; and 135 cents for 130 miles; and 145 cents for 140 miles; and 155 cents for 150 miles; and 165 cents for 160 miles; and 175 cents for 170 miles; and 185 cents for 180 miles; and 195 cents for 190 miles; and 205 cents for 200 miles; and 215 cents for 210 miles; and 225 cents for 220 miles; and 235 cents for 230 miles; and 245 cents for 240 miles; 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