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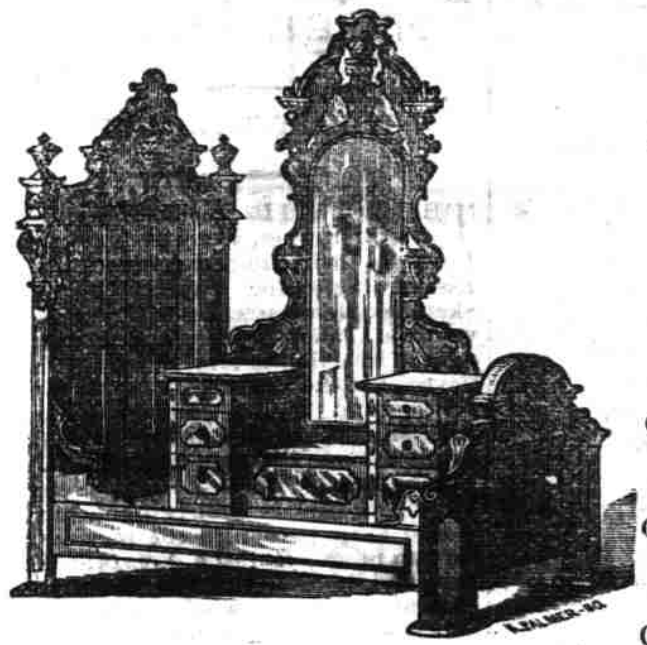
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### TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

#### Noon Dispatches.

WASHINGTON.

**Democratic Council—Additional Appropriations of \$350,000 for Congressional Printing and Binding—West's Defense of Wells' Letter to Himself—Nothing Positive from the Grand Commission yet.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—O'Connor and Merrick have charge of the Florida case. Trumbull and Carpenter, of the Louisiana, and Merrick and Woodby of the Oregon. The Union has no doubt that the Commission will decide to admit testimony.

The Senate has passed a bill, appropriating \$350,000 to provide for the deficiency in appropriations for Public Printing and Binding during the current fiscal year.

Mr Ingalls, of Kansas, from the Committee of the District of Columbia, reported back the bill to abolish the board of Metropolitan Police, and the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, with the message of the President, vetoing the same, and recommending that the bill be passed, notwithstanding the objections of the President thereto. He gave notice that he would call it up as soon as the Senate should be full.

The Committee on Privileges and Elections report Cassanave on the stand knew nothing of the alterations in Vernon parish, and knows nothing of Maddox; he recollected but few details, and knew of no frauds committed by the members of the Board. The room was cleared to consider the printing of the evidence before the Committee.

Everts opened in opposition to the power of the House Commission's taking evidence behind the certificates and the official State Canvass.

Barnes, the New Orleans telegraph Manager, is here again on a new subpoena of the House.

The Speaker ruled that the session this morning is but a continuance of the Legislative day of Thursday, but withdrew ruling to hear arguments which are now progressing.

In the Senate, Mr West, of Louisiana, made a personal explanation in relation to the letter of Governor Wells, of the Louisiana Returning Board, addressed to him. He had read it before the House Committee on Powers and Privileges on Saturday. He said he availed himself of the opportunity to make an explanation, which he was not permitted to make before that Committee. He became aware of the existence of the letter some time last week, through the public press, and on Saturday, when he found the Committee had the letter, he voluntarily went before that Committee, without any subpoena and read the letter to them. He could have availed himself of his privilege as a Senator, and refused to divulge the contents of the letter, but he desired that all the facts in regard to Louisiana should be known. He had not held, nor did he intend to hold any clandestine correspondence with any one in regard to counting the electoral votes. About the time that the letter should have been delivered to him, he was informed by the Secretary of War that a man by the name of Maddox was here, attempting to trade off the vote of Louisiana. He (Mr West) immediately denied that he had any such authority, and telegraphed to New Orleans to a friend in substance as follows: "Tell Gov Wells that a man by the name of Maddox is here, professing to be authorized to speak for him and the Returning Board of Louisiana. What does this mean?" Mr West in answer to the question of Mr Bogy as to what explanation he could make of the letter, said that he (West) was ambitious to be his own successor in the Senate, and the letter referred to that. As to speaking of millions, Gov Wells used the expression in the same manner as Col Sellers did. He meant there was a barrel of money there, to be used against the Republicans, and no aid was needed, that is if the money was to be spent on one side, it must be spent on the other. West would not rest for a moment under any suspicion that he was trafficking in electoral votes.

Wells has commenced what promises to be a long statement. He is perfectly self-possessed, and evidently well prepared for the task.

Everts closed his argument at 1 1/2 p. m. O'Connor is now speaking.

**A Meeting of the National Teachers' Association Called at Washington.**

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 5.—School Commissioner Smart has issued a call for a meeting of the National Teachers' Association, at Washington, on March 1st, 2nd and 3rd. The following subjects have been arranged for consideration: Organization of an Educational Museum, and provision of plans and means for its operation. The further consideration of plans for publications connected with popular education in the South. A proposed reduction of salaries, and the relation of secondary instruction.

#### Mid-Night Dispatches.

#### COUNTING THE ELECTORAL VOTE.

**Arguments of Everts and O'Connor—Their Views on the Novel Question—The Mississippi Vote to be Protected.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—In the course of argument, Mr Everts said: The only transaction of choosing a President begins by depositing in the Federal urn the certificates of this action of the Electors. The next step is the opening and counting of the votes. The constitution and laws specify how the Electors shall be appointed, and when they shall meet to cast their votes. But further it does not go. The moment they are sealed and deposited with the proper Federal authority, there is no power in a State to reverse it, change it or corrupt it. The State must act before the vote of its electors has been cast, or it is powerless. He said the proposition to interpose a judicial inquiry into a purely political proceeding is a novel one, and that no judicial action had ever been interposed except on a mandamus compelling officers to act. No injunction of a court can intrude into a political act. The fathers of the country, as early as 1800, incorporated into a law the principle that the federal government has no right to ignore or set aside the action of a State in regard to the election of Electors. In their wisdom they drew the line of demarcation very clearly and plainly. Mr Everts concluded by saying "that the attempt to bring judges into the workings of this scheme of popular sovereignty, will make it intolerable, since the decision of the judges will override and supersede the will of the people."

Chas O'Connor, after an allusion to the importance of this case—the most important ever tried in the United States—he said the counsel for the Tilden Electors held directly the opposite view to that entertained by the Republican counsel, and that the Commission had the right to make a full inquiry into the facts of the Florida election. The opposing counsel held that the Republican Electors met in accordance with the law and cast their votes, and that it is not in power of any earthly tribunal to invalidate their action. On this point he took issue with them. He first considered the counting of the electoral vote. The proposition that the power to count the votes, is vested in the President of the Senate is palpably absurd, since he is precluded by the Constitution from counting such votes. He has no right to open the certificates until the two houses meet in joint session. His power is simply clerical, and he cannot know what the packages contain until he opens them. The duty of the President ends with the opening of the certificates. The counting devolves upon that body which is required to act on the result. The count must be recognized by the same body. Mr O'Connor concluded by saying that he believed the Tilden Electors had the best legal right to be recognized, while they had the moral right, and will not be of posterity. No honest man, capable of blushing, could possibly look another in the face and assert that the Hayes Electors in Florida were elected. He submitted that the Commission should receive, as evidence in the case, the testimony taken by the Congressional Investigating Committee.

The protest to be presented when the Mississippi electoral vote is opened, alleges that the new registration law requires additional qualifications and oaths for voters, which are in violation of the Constitution of Mississippi; the present Governor is a usurper, and the certificates given to the Electors are worthless.

It is understood that the Commission meets to-morrow to consider what evidence, if any, is before it, and to consider its powers and duties in the case, preliminary to having final argument.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Lieut. Gen'l Sheridan, and Attorney Gen'l Cooke, of Florida, have been summoned by the Committee on Powers and Privileges.

Gen'l Barry, with companies composing the Artillery School, has left for Fortress Monroe. Five companies of the First U. S. Reg't have arrived; Co. B remains here; the balance have gone north.

**The Greatest Flood known for Thirty Years—Great Destruction of Lumber and other Property.**

KEATING, Pa., Feb. 5.—At half past four, yesterday, the ice gorge, in the West Branch, started a few miles above here, and at 5 o'clock gorged at Sweezy Bar, at Keating, where Sinnamaking Creek, enters the West Branch, and the ice and water arose rapidly. At a quarter past 5 the ice was on a level with the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad bridge, which spans the Sinnamaking 30 feet above low water mark. The loss to farmers and lumbermen is immense. Thousands of feet of timber and logs are either in the gorge, or loosed from the immense pits that line the river and creek, ready for floating in spring. The fences are all down and the houses broken and destroyed.

This is the greatest flood since 1847. At 7 o'clock, p. m., the gorge had not moved, and the bridge was loaded down with cars of coal.

#### Wells Contradicted by Cassanave

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 5.—Littlefield was brought the House committee and examined at length with regard to his character and habits; nothing was elicited.

Commission before adjournment announced that there would be no public session to-morrow. The day will be occupied in consultation.

Wells' testimony before Powers and Privileges was mainly confined to contradictions. In breaking down Littlefield, he testified that no statements of votes or tally sheets had been received from Vernon Parish, therefore they could not have been destroyed by Littlefield or himself.

Mr Cassanave, of New Orleans, now here furnishes statements of votes of Vernon Parish; they were sent to New Orleans by T Franklin, supervisor, by the hands of Hon Lewis Texada, a resident of Rapids Parish, and one of the most influential and highly respected men in Louisiana. They were addressed to P G Deslonde, Secretary of State, to whom the Supervisor's consolidated returns had been previously forwarded by mail; were delivered to the Secretary of State by a medical student, resident of Rapids, pursuing his studies in New Orleans, and were seen in the possession of the Secretary of the Returning Board, by two or more parties now in Washington.

#### FOREIGN.

**Resignation of Gen. Kauster—Race Horse Owner Dead—Montenegro willing to negotiate with Turkey for Peace.**

ROME, Feb. 5.—Gen'l Kauster, commander of the Papal army, has resigned, in consequence of differences with M. Simoni, the new Cardinal and Secretary of State.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—Mr. Merry, owner of Doncaster and other famous horses, is dead.

Correspondents indicate the probable failure of peace negotiations between Turkey and Servia.

A dispatch from Ragusa, to the Reuter Telegraphic Company, says the Prince of Montenegro sent a dispatch to the Porte yesterday, stating that he accepted the proposals of the Grand Vizier to open peace negotiations, and is willing to treat directly with the Porte.

#### DISASTERS.

**Receiver of an Insurance Company Suspended—Tidings of a Lost Steamer.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—J. J. Anderson, receiver of the Continental Life Insurance Company, has been suspended. W. R. Grace succeeds him in office. Anderson's accounts will be submitted to a referee.

The Agents of the Cromwell Steamship Line announce that they have received the following telegram from St. John, N. F.:

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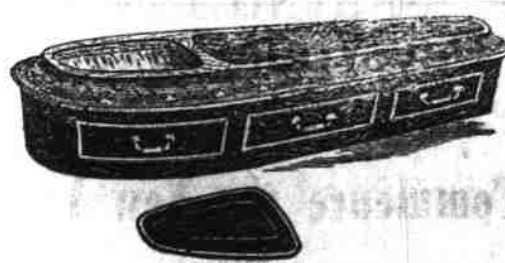
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