

The Charlotte Observer.

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FROM WASHINGTON.

Prosecution of Election Cases in the South—The Gossip About the Blair—Army and Navy Reorganization of Specie Payments—Senator Thurman and the Ohio Governorship, &c.

(Special Dispatch to the Baltimore Sun.)

PROSECUTION OF ELECTION CASES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The department of justice will, with the approval of the President, employ able counsel to assist the United States district attorney in the prosecution of the election cases in Louisiana and South Carolina. It is to be expected that there will be convictions in some of these cases, as the composition of the juries selected is such as to begot the suspicion that they will not be altogether impartial.

THE BLAIR SCANDAL.

A few days ago a publication in a paper of this city to the effect that Capt. Blair, of the United States army, who a year ago married the widow of Gen. Gordon Granger, had a wife living in Scotland, created a decided sensation, as both Capt. Blair and Mrs. Granger are well known in social circles here. Since the publication it has been privately stated by the friends of Capt. Blair that there is a woman in Scotland who claimed to be his wife, but whose claim to that title could not be maintained, and that Mrs. Granger was acquainted with all the circumstances before she married him. The denouncement is awaited here with lively interest, and the public curiosity will most likely soon be gratified. Captain Blair, who is stationed at Santa Fe, New Mexico, has applied for and obtained leave of absence to come to Washington to meet the charge. He is expected here in a few days, and may then demand a court of inquiry.

ARMY REORGANIZATION.

In connection with the army reorganization bill, when it comes up for consideration, it is understood that amendments will be offered designed to perfect a thorough organization of the militia of the States. This is a matter which has been actively agitated in one or the other branch of Congress for a number of years, and on several occasions bills in aid of this purpose, making large appropriations have been introduced. The point has been made that it was one of the main objects of the founders of the government to aid through the national government the organization of a well equipped militia of the States. Among the propositions which are suggested in this connection is to provide for a militia force of one thousand men from each congressional district to be consolidated into divisions and corps under commanders appointed by the President, the brigade commanders to be designated by the Governors of the States, and the regimental officers to be selected by the militia. This would make a militia organization of about 800,000 rank and file. Under this and under other propositions which have been drawn up the general government is to provide for the entire arming and equipping of the militia, and the men are to receive pay at a rate not to exceed \$1 per day for time spent in drills, parades and encampments. There are a number of members of Congress who favor this idea in some shape, but there are a number of Republican members from the North who will oppose it simply because, as they allege, it is wanted in the South. Several members of the House say that when the army reorganization is taken up in that body, they will call for its reading every time. The same call can be made in the Senate if any Senator is so disposed. As the bill covers two or three hundred articles, such a demand as this would be sufficient to defeat it without any debate.

THE CIPHER TELEGRAMS.

A rumor has been in circulation in political circles to-day to the effect that Mr. Tilden has personally intimated his desire to appear before the Potter committee and tell what he knows about the cipher telegrams. It is said that Mr. Tilden has come to the conclusion that it will be in his interest to show, as he claims that he can, that he knew nothing whatever of any improper attempts to influence the result of the presidential election.

RESUMPTION.

Formal resumption of specie payments will not after all begin until the second day of January, 1879, although the law says "on and after the first of January." New Year's Day is a legal holiday, both here and in New York, and the treaty in Washington and the sub-treasury in New York will be closed on that day. The banks in New York and in other large cities will also be closed, so that the rush for gold, if there is to be any, cannot be made until the second of the month. In anticipation of the demand which may be made for coin, additional paying-tellers have been provided for the New York sub-treasury, and they will all be on hand at ten o'clock on January 2. The treasury officials do not, however, anticipate any run on the sub-treasury, as they say that practically specie payments have been in full operation for a week past. Resuming operations, Republican politicians, who have been in recent consultation, have determined, after resumption is pronounced a fixed fact, and this they think can be safely done in a few weeks, to urge the President to submit to Congress a congratulatory message on the subject, claiming all the glory and honor for the Republican party, because to that party alone is due the passage of the specie resumption act.

THE OHIO GOVERNORSHIP.

There is a great deal of talk just now about Senator Thurman running for Governor of Ohio, and the talk has been deemed of sufficient importance to Judge Thurman as to call from him a statement that he cannot under any circumstances consent to run. Judge Thurman is very positive in this refusal, and the probabilities are that circumstances may so shape themselves that he will be compelled to take the nomination in spite of himself. The influences which are at work to make him the Democratic nominee for Governor of Ohio are influences which are personally unfriendly to him. Behind the movement to position as regards the soft-money Democracy of Ohio, which have never taken and do not now take kindly to Mr. Thurman, notwithstanding his renunciation of his hard money principles in order to get their favor. Yet they feel satisfied that Mr. Thurman is the strongest man who can be put up for the nomination. If he wins, well and good. If he is defeated it will in all probability end his political career. It would certainly blast his presidential aspirations. Judge Thurman sees that he has nothing to gain by making the race. If he should be elected as Governor it would not put him in any better position than occupies. To undergo the excessive labor and fatigue of a campaign such as that in Ohio will be next fall might be his physical death, and defeat as such would be his political death. But the intention is to force him to take the nomination, and his immediate friends fear he cannot back out, particularly if the Republicans should nominate Secretary Sherman.

JOHN JACKSON'S BEST SWEET NAVY

Personal.

The late Senator Morton's stenographer and law reporter, Chas. W. Stagg, has been declared insane from overwork. He is in the Indiana Insane Asylum.

Schuyler Colfax, who has been interviewed at Zanesville, Ohio, thinks that better times certainly must begin with the new year and resumption.

Senator Maxey says that the report as to the efforts of a party in Texas to slice a good deal of this Washington without foundation in fact. Texas will have fifteen new representatives after 1880.

Breathitt county, Ky., where the new judge of appeal is heard, has a new judge. It will be remembered that the late judge was assassinated slightly. Jas. W. Lindeman was commissioned as a judge by the Governor last Friday.

Consul Mosby has shouted back, as he started for China—that is, if he really has started—that he will return to help inaugurate General Grant for a third term on the 4th of March, 1881. This is a precious message for the departing statesman to have.

Governor—that is to say, ex-Lieutenant Governor—Bross, of Illinois, has been heard from. He looks on the Greenback party as "entirely a thing of the past," and says E. B. Washburne is his candidate for 1880. There seems to be a good deal of this Washburne feeling spread abroad among the people.

General Marcus J. Wright, agent of the War Department to collect official and private documents bearing on the war of the rebellion, has made arrangements with Jefferson Davis to copy such papers as the ex-Confederate President has in his possession. Mr. Wright has secured already many Confederate telegraphic copy books.

Rev. James A. Dixon, whose attempted suicide is reported from Memphis, is the same Dixon of smirched choker that public opinion drove out of Indiana. His intrigues with young women or who have been talked about in the newspapers. It is a matter of regret that the word "attempted" couldn't have been dropped from the telegram.

Miss Mary Anderson has had her trunk levied upon. She was playing "Ingomar" at the Grand Opera House, in New York, on Christmas day, when she blundered one Robert M. Porter and another man. Ingomar, angered at the interruption, blew out the footlights in one fierce stamp of her little Kentucky foot, and the manager, to mollify the angry crowd, ordered Porter to be struck with his big Tennessee toe. Porter sued for \$10,000. Mary was in a hurry to keep an appointment in another town. Compromise. Porter received \$400 damages.

The Big Walking Race.

The six days' walk at Gilmore's Garden, New York, between O'Leary and Campagna, came to an end at 12 o'clock Saturday night. O'Leary having in the time completed 400 miles, and Porter, three miles less than he made during his match with Hughes, whilst Campagna only succeeded in scoring 377 miles and two laps. O'Leary left the track in the morning, and that he has been at the finish of any of his previous six days' walks, although his time was the slowest. His heels are each a great blister, and the irritating dust and a heavy cold set him to spitting blood very freely. Campagna was completely used up, and was only kept on the track by stimulants freely administered by his trainers. Campagna, after a brief rest, appeared and made a speech, saying: "This is my first time in New York. I was brought here by trainers who paralyzed me for two days. If Barney Aaron had been here from the first, I would have beaten O'Leary fifty miles. I am now open to make a match with any man in the country for twelve days for \$5,000 a side." But as a money-making enterprise the walk was a success. The gate money receipts were \$20,000 over heavy expenses, which goes nominally to the winner, but it is understood that by private agreement entered into early during the week Campagna is to share liberally in the spoils.

REVENUE SEIZURES.

U. S. INTERNAL REVENUE. Collector's Office, 6th District North Carolina, Statesville, N. C., December 6th, 1878. Seized for violation of United States Internal Revenue Laws, on Saturday, December 6th, 78: Ten boxes Tobacco, as the property of J. F. Fare.

Notice is hereby given to the owner or claimants of the above described property to appear before me at my office in Statesville, and make claim therefor before the expiration of thirty days from date hereof, or the same will be forfeited to the United States. J. J. MOTT, Collector.

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RAILROADS.

CONDENSED TIME. NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD. TRAINS GOING EAST.

Table with columns: Date, No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 8, Daily ex. Sun.

Leave Charlotte, 3:45 a.m. 4:55 p.m. 4:10 p.m. 10:10 p.m. 10:10 p.m. 10:10 p.m. 10:10 p.m.

Arrive Greensboro, 5:25 p.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

No. 2—Connects at Salisbury with W. N. C. R. R. for all points in Western North Carolina, daily except Sunday. At Greensboro with R. & D. R. for all points North, East and West. At Goldsboro with W. & A. C. L. R. for Wilmington.

No. 4—Connects at Greensboro with R. & D. R. for all points North, East and West.

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SALEM BRANCH.

Leave Greensboro, daily except Sunday, 8:50 p.m. Arrive Salem, 10:50 p.m. Leave Salem, 10:50 p.m. Arrive Greensboro, 7:45 a.m.

Connecting at Greensboro with trains on the R. & D. and N. C. Railroads.

SLEEPING CARS WITHOUT CHANGE.

Run both ways on Trains Nos. 1 and 2, between New York and Atlanta via Richmond, Greensboro and Charlotte, and both ways on Trains Nos. 3 and 4, between New York and Atlanta via Richmond, Greensboro and Charlotte.

Through Tickets on sale at Greensboro, Raleigh, Goldsboro, Salisbury and Charlotte, and at all principal points South, South-west, West, North and East. For Enlargement lists to points in Arkansas and Texas, address:

J. R. MACMURDO, Gen. Passenger Agent, Richmond Va.

CHARLOTTE, COLUMBIA AND AUGUSTA RAILROAD.

On and after Sunday, Dec. 29th, 1878, the following passenger schedule will be run over this road. (Washington time.)

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GOING NORTH, No. 2.

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DAY PASSENGER. GOING SOUTH, No. 3.

Leave Charlotte, 11:27 A. M. Arrive Columbia, 4:10 P. M. Arrive Augusta, 8:45 P. M.

GOING NORTH, No. 4.

Leave Augusta, 9:03 A. M. Arrive Columbia, 1:20 P. M. Arrive Charlotte, 3:30 P. M.

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