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THE TELEGRAMS.

GRANT SIGNS THE ELECTORAL BILL, AND WRITES A MESSAGE.

Morton a Member of the Electoral Commission.

SERVIA ACCEPTS TURKEY'S PROPOSALS.

VARIOUS DISPATCHES.

Sunday's Report.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The President will sign the electoral bill in the morning but will send a short message with it giving his reasons for so doing. The convention of the Fifth District held at B'Nai Brith to-day, elected the following officers: Aaron Hass, Atlanta, Ga., President; John Haltzton, Richmond, first Vice President; W. H. Stoons, Baltimore, second Vice President; Goodman Bant, Treasurer; Dr. S. Wolfe, Baltimore, Secretary; A. Fisher, Washington, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Hon. Charles Wisolowky, State Senator from Georgia, is here attending the Convention.

Noon Reports.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Senators Sherman, Morton, and Hamlin, and Representatives Hale, Kellogg, and Pilkin visited the President yesterday, and other pressure will be brought to bear between now and Tuesday's Cabinet meeting to secure some positive action in Packard's favor. There are no indications yet of a change in policy.

Senator Conover, chairman of the committee on enrolled bills, at 10 o'clock this morning presented a bill in regard to the electoral count to the President who signed it immediately and informed Senator Conover that he would send a special message to the Senate to-day announcing his approval of the bill.

SENATE.—Mr. Robertson, of South Carolina, presented resolutions of the citizens of Spartanburg county, South Carolina, composed of persons of both races of political parties denouncing the Chamberlain government in that State as a usurpation and declaring that the Hampton government is the legal government of the State. Referred to committee on privileges and elections.

The Senate Republicans caucused two hours and a heated discussion arose whether the bill was a Democratic measure and whether Senators favoring it should have place on the grand commission. The caucus meets again at 3 o'clock.

Democratic Senators will hold no caucus, Bayard and Thurman by consent represent them.

The Morrison committee for examining Fred Littlefield, clerk of the returning board, is in joint session with the committee on privileges and powers; the examination, so far, is preliminary.

Mr. Stephens physicians have given up hope this morning.

During the morning hour Mr. Robertson, of South Carolina, called up the resolution recently presented by Mr. Gordon acknowledging the Hampton government in South Carolina as a legal government of the State, and addressed the Senate in support of the resolution. He reviewed briefly the recent events in that State and denied that there was any intimidation on the part of the whites towards the blacks.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—The schooner Island Belle, St. John's, Boston, abandoned at sea. Four of the crew died of cold and exposure.

INDIANA, Jan. 29.—The loss by Academy of Music fire will not exceed \$125,000.

PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 29.—Anotino Bantz, a magician is dead, aged 67.

EUROPE, ZEMLIN, Jan. 29.—The Servian cabinet have decided to accept Turkey's proposals. Should no outside influences prevent peace will be finally concluded.

ROME, Jan. 29.—The ultramontane organs admit that the Pope has kept his head two days and has had more than one attack of epilepsy.

PERA, Jan. 29.—The first Turkish parliament will meet on the first of March. Midhat Pasha has issued an edict ordering the disarmament of the population.

The Turkish envoy has been commissioned to conduct peace with Servia on the basis of status quo ante bellum. Turkey is willing to grant some territory to Montenegro.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—Dispatches report the basis of the peace offered by Turkey to Servia and Montenegro as moderate and very conciliatory.

A dispatch from Constantinople to a Router telegram says: A dispatch from the Servian government requests the Porte to instruct the Ottoman Ambassador at Vienna to enter into negotiations with the Servian diplomatic agent there, Servia having no representative at Constantinople. The Prince of Montenegro has not yet replied to the dispatch, inviting him to treat for peace directly with the Porte.

PARIS, Jan. 29.—Max Outrey, the newly appointed Minister to the United States will sail for New York from Havre Feb. 3d.

Night Reports.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The condition of Mr. Stephens is unchanged. His physicians still have some hope of restoring him to usual health, which is very bad.

The Republican caucus selected Edmunds, Morton and Frelinghuysen as members of the grand commission.

Supreme Court adjourned to-day to the 19th of February. The withdrawal of five Judges destroys a quorum, which requires six.

The Democratic Senators elected are Bayard and Thurman.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

To the Senate of the United States: I follow the example heretofore occasionally presented of communicating in this mode my approval of the act to provide for and regulate the counting of votes for President and Vice President and the decision of questions arising thereon for the term commencing March 4th, A. D. 1877, because of my appreciation of the imminent peril to the institutions of the country, from which, in my judgment, the act affords wise and constitutional means of escape for the first time in the history of our country under the Constitution; as it now is a dispute exists with regard to the result of the election of the Chief Magistrate of the nation, it is understood that upon the disposition of disputes touching the electoral votes cast at the late election by one or more of the States depends the question whether one or the other of the candidates for the Presidency is the lawful Chief Magistrate, the importance of having clearly ascertained by a procedure regulated by law, which of the two citizens has been elected and of having the right to this high office recognized and cheerfully agreed in by all the people of the republic cannot be over estimated, and leads me to express to Congress and to the nation my great satisfaction at the adoption of a measure that affords an orderly means of decision of a gravely exciting question, while the history of our country in its earlier periods shows that the President of the Senate has counted the votes and declared them standing. Our whole history shows that in no instance of doubt or dispute has he exercised the power of deciding, and that the two houses of Congress have disposed of all such doubts and disputes, although in no instance hitherto have they been such that their decision could essentially have affected the result.

For the first time, then, the Government of the United States is now brought to meet the question as one vital to the result, and this under conditions not the best calculated to produce an agreement or to induce calm feeling in the several branches of the government or among the people of the country in a case where as now the result is involved. It is the highest duty of the law-making power to provide in advance a constitutional,

orderly and just method of executing constitution in this most interesting and critical of its provisions. The doing, so far from being a compromise of right, is an enforcement of right and an execution of powers conferred by the the constitution on Congress. I think that this orderly method has been secured by the bill which, appealing to the constitution and the law as the guide in ascertaining rights, provides a means of deciding questions of single returns through the direct action of Congress, and in respect to double returns, by a tribunal of inquiry whose decisions stand, unless both houses of Congress shall concur in determining otherwise, thus securing a definite disposition of all questions of dispute in whatever aspect they may arise.

With or without this law, as all of the States have voted and as a tie vote is impossible, it must be that one of the two candidates has been elected, and it would be deplorable to witness an irregular controversy as to which of the two should receive or which should continue to hold the office. In all periods of history controversies have arisen as to the succession or choice of chiefs of States, and no party or citizens loving their country and its free institutions can sacrifice too much of more feeling in preserving through the upright course of law their country from the smallest danger to its peace on such an occasion, and it cannot be too firmly impressed in the hearts of all the people that true liberty and real progress can exist only through a cheerful adherence to constitutional law. The bill purports to provide only for the settlement of questions arising from the recent elections. The fact that such questions can arise demonstrates the necessity which I cannot doubt will before long be supplied by permanent general legislation to meet cases which have not been contemplated in the Constitution or laws of the country. The bill may not be perfect, and its provisions may not be such as would be best applicable to all future occasions; but it is calculated to meet the present condition of the question, and of the country; the country needs and it desires peace and quiet and harmony between all parties and all sections; its industries are arrested, labor unemployed, capital idle and enterprise paralyzed by reason of the doubt and anxiety attending the uncertainty of a double claim to the Chief Magistracy of the nation. It wants to be assured that the result of the election will be accepted without resistance from the supporters of the disappointed candidate, and that its highest officer shall not hold his place with a questionable title of right. Believing that the bill will secure these ends I give it my signature.

U. S. GRANT,

Executive Mansion, Jan. 29, '77.

HOUSERS.—Fillebustered over the morning hour. An amendment paying ends in bonds was rejected and the bill went over.

Adjourned.

SENATE.—Bailey seated. He succeeds Key, who was appointed to fill Johnson's vacancy.

Sergeant submitted the report of the Senatorial Committee to Florida, and he also gave notice that Cooper would present the minority's report.

The Democratic caucus is still in session. Wood, Payne and Hunter, will probably be chosen.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Policies of the New Jersey Mutual Life Insurance Company for some \$13,000 have been transferred to the National Capital Life Insurance Company.

The Secretary of State reports that the New Jersey Mutual Life Insurance Company has fallen \$100,000 short, and does not recognize the transfer of its policies.

GENERAL NEWS SUMMARY.

Senator Davis, of Illinois, is fat. Senator Davis, of West Virginia, is lean.

There were 532 suicides in the United States in 1876.

In "Harold, Tennyson says: "What's up to faith; what's down is heresy."

A recent advertisement reads: "A respectable young person wants cleaning. Apply."

Fifteen thousand and eighty-eight prisoners were liberated the day Victoria became Empress.

General Grant told a World correspondent that he was tired of the Louisiana row. The country is tired of the man who encourages it, too.

The kerosene oil works of B & F Jenney, Boston, exploded Friday last and entirely demolished the main building. Loss roughly estimated at \$100,000. Thousands of people thronged the vicinity of the fire, many of them standing on ice.

Over 3,000,000 cigars are burned daily in this country. No insurance.

A grave-digger, who buried a Mr. Button, put the following item in the bill which he sent to Mrs. Button: "To making one Button-hole, five dollars."

The cold weather this season has produced ice in abundance, and about two-thirds of the crop has already been harvested, says the New York Bulletin.

LEGISLATURE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Condensed from the Observer.

SENATE.

SATURDAY, JAN. 27.

Stanford presented a petition from the citizens of Pender county to pension David J. Moore, who lost both eyes in the war. Referred.

By Liles: A bill to aid in the construction of the Cheraw and Salisbury Railroad, asking for seventy-five convicts to work on said road. Referred.

By Troy: A bill to appoint a county Superintendent of Education. York arose and announced that on Wednesday next at 12 o'clock he would introduce resolutions concerning the death of Senator Jarler. Bill to amend the pilot laws of the State, upon motion of Coke was indefinitely postponed.

Bill to prevent the destruction of legal notices (originating in the House) was, under a suspension of the rules, on motion of Latham, put upon its several readings and passed, and to incorporate the Laborer's Union of Wilmington was reported back from the House with amended amendments. Amendments concurred in.

Resolution concerning the relations of the colored race was, under a suspension of the rules, put upon its several readings and passed by a vote of 28 for, and 3 against.

Resolution of instruction to committee on propositions and grievances, requiring said committee to report a bill for the encouragement of sheep husbandry, was, upon motion, referred to committee on mechanics and mining.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

W. R. Lindsay, the newly elected member from Rockingham, came forward, and was duly qualified.

By Roberts: A resolution of instruction to the committee on county governments. Calendar.

A resolution of instruction to the committee on county governments was taken from the calendar and adopted.

Bill to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors within two miles of Donaldson Academy, outside the town of Fayetteville, in the county of Cumberland, passed.

Under a suspension of the rules, a bill to amend section 13, chapter 11 of Battle's Revision, was taken up. [The bill provides for changing the time for holding municipal elections from the first Monday in May to the first Monday in January.] On motion of McIver the bill was referred to the committee on judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate trials in justices' courts, providing for a change of venue upon an affidavit that the affiant believes he cannot get justice, with a substitute from the judiciary committee, was taken up, and the substitute was adopted and the bill as amended by the substitute passed its second reading. Under a suspension of the rules the bill passed its third reading.

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LOCAL NEWS.

County Commissioners.

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session at 7 o'clock last night. All the Board present.

Minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

The petition of R. F. Eyden, was taken up and referred to a committee of two, consisting of Commissioners Worth and Grainger.

On motion, the matter of putting the roads, to Masonboro township in traveling condition, was referred to the trustees of said township.

A communication from Dr. W. W. Lane was referred to Committee on Poor House and Hospital.

Moved by Capt. I. B. Grainger, that the clerk of this Board invite sealed proposals, from each drug store in writing as to what amount they will be willing to furnish prescriptions for the outdoor poor and other poor of the county. Such proposals will state the rate per prescription and also the rate per month for which they will furnish all the medicines needed, this Board reserving to themselves the right to contract in either of the two ways for a period not exceeding twelve months.

Moved by Capt. I. B. Grainger, that the matter of the Scott contract be referred to the Committee on Poor and Hospital with full power to annul such contract or make such other arrangements with Scott as may to them seem best, and also to establish the Poor House and Hospital on such other footing as they may think best, either by employing a suitable man to take charge of them directly for the county, or to invite sealed proposals for taking care of the poor and sick per capita.

Ordered, that Claus Schriver be granted a license to retail liquor in Cape Fear township.

John Haar and G. W. Barnes were also granted license to retail liquor in the city.

The report of the Register of Deeds for the three months, ending with December, 1876, for fees due the county from marriage licenses, was received and ordered spread on the Records of the Official Reports.

Captain Grainger offered the following:

Resolved, That from and after the first of February, the rates allowed to the Sheriff for the subsistence of prisoners, be reduced from forty-five to thirty cents per day.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

Fire.

At 4 o'clock yesterday morning the fire alarm was sounded for the 4th fire district. A house at the corner of Front and Queen streets belonging to Mr. A. H. VanBokkelen and known as the "Palo Alto," was entirely consumed. The house had been used for some years after its erection as a public boarding house and was built about the time of the Mexican war—hence its name. It was unoccupied, and no cause is known as to the origin of the fire.

There was no insurance and not very much loss as the house had been permitted to go to wreck for many years.

Three Little Runaways.

Saturday morning three colored boys, each about ten years of age, were sent down street by their parents; but they thought they would not go back home, but spent the day down town. They picked up some rags, sold them and with the money bought something to eat. When night came on they were afraid to go home, for they knew they would be "bounced gently." Seeing a dry-goods box standing invitingly upon the pavement, they stepped in and went to bed. Early Sunday morning they were noticed by a policeman, who carried them to the Station House.

Destitution.

There is a family of white persons living on Queen street between Fourth and Fifth, who are entirely destitute. The father has been paralyzed for more than a year and has a wife and four children dependent on him. In their destitute condition the county has been giving them the sum of \$2.00 per month, not enough to feed them a week.

Thermometrical.

The state of the thermometer at the various stations named below was observed at the signal office in this city at 4:30 p. m.

Augusta, 65; Charleston, 58; Galveston, 58; Jacksonville, 66; Mobile, 61; New Orleans, 65; Norfolk, 59; Savannah, 65; Wilmington, 63.

Temperance.

The Cape Fear Marine Temperance Association held their usual weekly meeting at the 8 o'clock last night. The Rev. J. L. Keen and others, delivered effective addresses in behalf of the cause. There were many ladies present who evinced great interest in the success of the organization as a remedial agency for the ultimate reclamation of those who are addicted to the vice of intemperance. Two males signed the pledge.

The Rev. J. L. Keen, who is the leading spirit of the Society, expressed himself as feeling greatly encouraged with the progress of the work and invited all to be present on Monday night next. After singing a hymn the meeting adjourned.

Struck on a Snag.

Sunday morning as the two schooners William and Mary were coming up the river and when a little this side of the Dram Tree the William struck a snag on the west side of the river, which caused her to leak considerably. The William was loaded with 1,150 bushels of corn to B. F. Mitchell & Son. The pumps were manned and the schooner kept free of water until she reached the wharf and the corn removed, which was done in a hurry. The corn was not damaged in the least as the water was kept out by the pumps.

Madame Loretta Janeta Valesquez.

This lady, otherwise known as Lieut. Harry Buford, has furnished us with a copy of her book. The volume is of thrilling interest. Hair-breadth escapes from dangers, flirtations with susceptible girls, real attachments, &c., &c., present a medley to the lover of sensational literature, that must necessarily entertain. The book is nicely bound, well printed, and contains a number of illustrations.

Madame Valesquez is now in the city.

THE COURTS.

Mayor's Court.

Edward J. Egan, a stranger, from Baltimore, for being drunk and disorderly, was fined \$20 and costs.

Three small colored boys were also arraigned for sleeping in a box on the street, but were dismissed on the payment of costs.

Magistrate's Court.

Jane Outland was before Justice Gardner for violation of section 7 of a city ordinance, but judgment was suspended on condition that if she were up again in twelve months she would be brought into Court and judgment pronounced upon her.

No criminal cases before the Superior Court yesterday.

CITY CURRENCY.

This is the last week of this term of the Superior Court.

The committees of the Ward Clubs of the Democratic party met last night at Munds' Hall.

Mary Anderson, an old offender, was arrested yesterday for being disorderly Saturday night.

A hunting party goes down the river to-day on the steamer Dixie. We wish them fine sport.

Rev. Charles Curtis, of Hillsboro, preached an eloquent and timely sermon at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Sunday morning.

In Bishop Atkinson's masterly exposition of the Creed on Sunday evening, he made a touching and appropriate allusion to Col. Robert Strange, who on the Sunday evening previous occupied a pew in St. Paul's Church.

We had the pleasure of meeting Mr. John B. Harris of this city on yesterday. Mr. H. has been residing in Norfolk, Va., for some time past, where he has been engaged in business with Mr. R. B. Barry, recently a commission merchant of this place.

We add to-day a number of new subscribers to the list of the DAILY JOURNAL, obtained during a recent trip over the Carolina Central Railway by our agent, Mr. S. LeGrand, who will soon start on a canvass for the JOURNAL on the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad. We likewise place on our WEEKLY books a lot of new subscriptions.

That part of the Exodus of the Children of Israel comprised in the drear journey from the Red Sea to Mt. Sinai and the giving of the Law on the awful mount formed the subject of Dr. Wilson's discourse at the First Presbyterian Church, last Sunday evening. It was a lecture of absorbing interest and one of the finest of the series which the Doctor has delivered on the Old Testament Characters and Scenes.

Index to New Advertisements.

New Hotel in Monroe—Mrs. J. N. Williams.

Jas. D. Smith, Alex. Sprunt & Son—Notice not to credit or harbor crew.

Binford, Crow & Co—Seed potatoes—Early Rose, Jackson White, etc.

Dr. A. J. DeRosset, DuBrutis Outlar—Adjourned meeting of taxpayers.

S. D. Wallace—Meeting of stockholders of Bank of New Hanover.

Giles & Murchison—Watt plows, full assortment.

P. Heinsberger—Pianos, organs, melodeons, &c.

Giles & Murchison—New hardware store. Plows very cheap.

NOTICE! ALL PERSONS ARE hereby warned against trusting or harboring any of the crew of the Br. Brig Edna M. Gregory, as no debts contracted by them will be paid by either Master or Consignees.

JAS. D. SMITH, Master. ALEX. SPRUNT & SON, Consignees. Jan 30 11

SEED POTATOES.

700 BARRELS, EARLY ROSE, PINK EYES AND JACKSON WHITE POTATOES.

Very Best Eastern Seed Stock On vessel afloat, which we expect by the 10th of February.

For sale by BINFORD, CROW & CO.

IT WILL PAY Parties to wait for these potatoes, as the stock is so pure and good. Jan 30-11

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WE PROPOSE KEEPING A FULL line of these Plows and can supply them at

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NEW HOTEL

IN MONROE, N. C. Over Stewart's Brick Store; opposite Courthouse.

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