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## THE TELEGRAMS. NEWS OF THE WORLD.

### ARGUMENT OF COUNSEL AS TO THE POWER OF THE COMMISSION TAKING EVIDENCE BEHIND CERTIFICATES—AND THE OFFICIAL STATE CANVASS.

### PROBABLE FAILURE OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN TURKEY AND SERBIA.

### GREAT DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY BY THE FLOOD IN PENNSYLVANIA.

### Commission in Consultation to Consider its Powers and Duties

### Noon Reports.

#### WASHINGTON.

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

The Senate passed a bill appropriating \$350,000 to provide for a deficiency in the appropriation bill for public printing and binding during the current fiscal year.

Mr. Ingalls of Kansas, from the committee on the District of Columbia, reported back the bill to abolish the Board of Metropolitan Police 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.

Committee on privileges and elections—Cassanave on the stand: Know nothing of alterations in Vernon parish; knew nothing of Maddox; Cassanave recollected few details; knew of no frauds committed by members of the board. The room was then cleared to consider the printing of the evidence.

Electoral Commission.—Everts opened in opposition to the power of the House or Commission taking evidence behind the certificates and the official State canvass.

Barnes, New Orleans telegraph manager is here again on a new subpoena.

The Speaker of the House ruled that this morning's session a continuance of the legislative day of Thursday, but withdrew the ruling to hear argument which is now progressing.

In the Senate Mr. West made a personal explanation in relation to the letter of Gov. Wells of the Louisiana returning board, addressed to him, which was read before the House committee on privileges and powers on Saturday.

He said he availed himself of this 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 the Louisiana case should be known. He had not held, or did he intend to hold, any clandestine correspondence with any one in regard to counting the electoral vote. About the time that 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 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?" The answer came back as soon as the wires could bring it: "Mr. Maddox has no such authority." Mr. West, in answer to a question of Mr. Bogy as to what expla-

nation he could make of the letter, said 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 aid was needed; that is, if money was to be used on one side it must be used on the other. He (Mr. West) would not rest for a moment under any suspicion that he was trafficking in electoral votes.

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

Everts closed his argument a quarter to 1 o'clock. O'Connor is now speaking.

Hon. A. H. Stephens was reported better Sunday night, with increased hopes for his recovery.

#### NEW YORK.

New York, Feb. 5.—A dispatch from Scranton, Pa., says one of the bank officials at Montrose stated on Saturday that Nathan Lenhan, an absconding cashier, has robbed the First National Bank of \$90,000. He had full control of the matter of negotiating loans, discounting notes and transacting all the business of the bank, without even consulting the directors. It is known that his bond is good for a greater portion of the money which he has stolen and \$24,000 is all that will be lost.

#### OHIO.

COLUMBUS, Feb. 5.—The School Commissioner, Smaat, has issued a call for a meeting of the National Teachers Association on March 1st, 2d and 3d.

The following subjects have been arranged for consideration:

The organization of an educational museum and a provision of the plans and means for its operation.

The further consideration of plans for the publications connected with the popular education in the South.

A proposed reduction of salaries and the relation of secondary instructions.

#### PENNSYLVANIA.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 5.—The ice from the upper rivers is passing down harmlessly.

READING, Feb. 5.—At half past four yesterday, the ice gorge at West Branch started. A few miles above here all five gorges at Sweezy bar also started. At Keating, Sinnamohoning creek enters West Branch and the ice and water rose rapidly. At fifteen minutes after 5 o'clock the ice was on a level with the Philadelphia and Erie railroad bridge, which spans Sinnamohoning 30 feet above the level of the lower water mark. The loss to farmers and lumbermen will be immense. Thousands of feet of timber and logs, either in gorge, or felled from immense piles that line the river and creek ready for floating in the Spring. The fences are all down and the houses are broken and destroyed. It is the greatest flood here since 1847. At 7 o'clock the gorge had not moved and the bridge was loaded down with cars of coal.

#### FOREIGN.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—A dispatch from Ragusa to the Reuter telegraph company, says the Prince of Montenegro sent a dispatch to the Porte yesterday, stating that he accepts the proposals of the Grand Vizier to open peace negotiations, and he is willing to treat directly with the Porte.

Mr. Messy, owner of Don Caster and other famous horses, is dead.

The correspondents indicate probable failure of peace negotiations between Turkey and Serbia.

ROME, Feb. 5.—Gen. Koster, commander of the Papal army has resigned in consequence of differences with Mons. Simoni, the new cardinal secretary of the State.

### Night Reports.

#### WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Lieutenant-General Sheridan and Attorney-General Ocke of Florida, have been summoned by the powers and privileges committee.

Gen. Barry, with the companies composing the artillery school have left for Fort Monroe.

Five companies of the 1st U. S. regiment arrived here today from Charleston. Company B remains here, the balances have gone South.

In course of the argument, before the electoral commission, Mr. Everts

could not have been destroyed by himself.

Mr. Cassanave of New Orleans, who is now here, furnishes the following statements of votes of Vernon parish, which were sent to New Orleans by Thomas Franklin, supervisor, by the hands of Hon. Lewis Tzada, a resident of Rapides parish, and one of the most influential and highly respected men in Louisiana. They were addressed to P. G. Demonde, Secretary of State, to whom the supervisor's consolidated returns had been previously forwarded by mail, and were delivered to the Secretary of State by a medical student, a resident of Rapides, 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.

A Bill to be Entitled An Act to Establish County Governments.

PASSED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN THE SENATE ON SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY, 1877.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. Every county is a body politic and corporate, and shall have the powers prescribed by statute, and those necessarily imposed by law and no other.

Sec. 2. In each county there shall be elected biennially, by the qualified voters thereof, as provided for the election of the members of the General Assembly, a Treasurer, Register of Deeds and Surveyor.

Sec. 3. Each county shall be divided into convenient districts, to be known as townships, but such townships shall not possess any corporate powers. The townships now established, shall continue under their present boundaries until changed by law.

Sec. 4. The justices of the peace shall be elected by the General Assembly, at its present session, shall elect three justices of the peace for each township in the several counties of the State, who shall be divided into three classes, and hold their offices for the terms of two, four and six years respectively, but the successors of each class, as its term expires shall be elected by the General Assembly for the term of six years.

In addition to the justices of the peace above provided for, there shall be elected for each township in which any city or incorporated town is situated, one justice of the peace, and also one for every one thousand inhabitants in such city or town, who shall hold their office for the term of six years. The justices of the peace elected under this act shall be commissioned by the Governor. But the terms of those elected at the present session of the General Assembly shall begin at the expiration of the terms for which the justices of the peace now in office have been elected, and not before.

Sec. 5. The justices of the peace for each county, on the first Monday in August, 1878, and on the first Monday in August every two years thereafter, shall assemble at the court house of their respective counties, and a majority being present, shall proceed to the election of not less than three, nor more than five persons, to be chosen from the body of the county, (including the justices of the peace), who shall be styled the Board of Commissioners for the county of —, and shall hold their offices for two years, from the date of their qualification, and until their successors shall be elected and qualified. But those elected on the first Monday in August, 1878, shall enter upon the duties of their office immediately upon the expiration of the term for which the Board of County Commissioners then in office have been elected, and not before.

Sec. 6. The Board of Commissioners so elected shall have and exercise the jurisdiction and powers vested in the Board of Commissioners now existing, and also those vested in and exercised by the Board of Trustees of the several townships, except as may hereafter be prescribed by law; and they shall hold their sessions as may be prescribed by law. And the Register of Deeds shall be ex officio Clerk of the Board of Commissioners.

Provided, however, that the Board of Commissioners shall not have power to levy taxes to purchase real property, or remove or designate new sites for county buildings; to contract or repair bridges, the cost whereof may exceed \$2,000; to borrow money for necessary expenses of the county, without the concurrence of a majority of the justices of the peace sitting with them; and for the purpose a majority of the justices of the peace shall be present.

The justice of the peace shall meet with the Board of Commissioners on the first Monday in August, 1878, and annually thereafter, but for such services the justice of the peace shall receive no compensation.

Section 7. All the provisions of Article 7 of the Constitution in connection with this act, except those contained in sections 7, 8 and 12, are hereby abrogated, and the provisions of this act substituted in their place.

Sec. 8. This act shall take effect from and after its ratification.

## LOCAL NEWS.

County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners met in regular monthly session at 1:30 p. m. yesterday, present, J. G. Wagner, chairman, and Commissioners Worth, Grainger, Holmes and Nixon.

On motion the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, and a correction was made to read as follows:

"Ordered further, that bill of costs vs. R. F. Eydin be referred to a committee consisting of B. G. Worth and I. B. Grainger, as to its legality, to report thereon at the next meeting."

The proposal of J. Q. Munds was accepted, his being the lowest bid, at twenty-five cents for each prescription. Said proposal or contract to expire twelve months from date.

The following persons were granted licenses to retail liquor: John W. Strauss, H. Marcus and J. Fernberger.

The report of the outdoor committee was read and ordered spread on the minutes.

The report of Elijah Hewitt, County Treasurer, for January, was received and ordered spread on the minutes.

205 Coupons valued at \$15 each, in gold, amounting to three thousand and seventy five dollars having been paid, were burned up in presence of all the commissioners.

The following resolution was offered by the chairman, John G. Wagner:

Resolved, That as it has been reported to this Board and its committee that the taxpayers of the county convention assembled, and at the request of said committee of this Board appointed a committee of their number consisting of Col. W. L. DeRosse, Henry Nutt and Edward Kidder for the purpose of investigating the management of county matters. It is hereby ordered by the Board, that all county officers are hereby instructed to give all information desired to said committee of taxpayers, and every other facility for investigating will be given by us. We feel that the affairs of this county have been properly administered a our hands.

On motion Commissioners Wagner and Holmes were appointed a committee to see that the property and effect be returned to the County Work House by Messrs. Mathes & Co. and what is not needed be sold at auction.

Application of Commissioner Holmes to clear off the poor house tract, was referred to the committee on poor with power to act.

The application of Eda Larkins for assistance, was referred to poor committee.

Ordered, That Sheriff Manning be instructed to pay over to John J. Egle, Treasurer of Masonboro township, all township taxes collected by him for the year 1876, and take proper receipts for the same.

Ordered, That the Finance committee be instructed to ascertain what amount of fines, forfeitures and penalties, has been collected by James Heaton, Clerk of the Superior Court, for the past 12 months and report the same at the next meeting of the Board.

## THE COURTS.

### Mayor's Court.

Peter Bateon, drunk: fined \$5 and cost, or 10 days on the streets.

Peter Bateon, disorderly, cursing &c: fined \$20 and cost, or 30 days on the streets.

Wm. Plunney, carrying and drawing a deadly weapon: bound over to the Superior Court on a justified bond of \$300.

A party for selling liquors by the small measure: dismissed on the payment of the cost.

Two policemen for violation of police regulations were discharged.

Another policeman, charged with the same, resigned.

### Magistrate's Court.

Silas Trivas was before Justice Gaudner for willful abandonment and fined the cost and to support his family or go to Jail.

### For the West Indies.

The steam yacht Fire Fly went down the river on yesterday afternoon with a party of gentlemen, who escorted Messrs Geo. W. Kidder and John Lodon of this city to the schooner Wyoming, which cleared from this port on Saturday, bound for St. John, Porto Rico. The intention of these gentlemen is to visit several of the West India islands while on their tour. Our wishes are extended to them for favoring winds and "tranquil seas" and a safe return home.

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Historical and Scientific Society. At a meeting of the above society, held last night, Judge Cantwell delivered a lecture on "Barnwell's expedition against the Tuscarora's in 1711-12," touching upon other topics of Colonial history. The lecture was replete with valuable information, evincing great research and erudition.

Col. J. G. Barr was granted permission, in accordance with a request from the Ladies Benevolent Society, to deliver his lecture on "Local History," for the benefit of their society. A committee, consisting of Judge Cantwell and Messrs. W. B. McKoy and Norwood Giles, was appointed to make arrangements for the removal of the remains of Cornelius Harnett with proper ceremony. Dr. A. J. DeRosset, Col. W. L. DeRosset and the Rev. C. M. Payne, were admitted as members and assigned, the first to the section of Genealogy, the second to Commerce and the third to Education. Hon. Hugh Waddell, from the section of Genealogy, was appointed to deliver the next lecture. Dr. T. F. Wood, from the section on Botany, was appointed lecturer for the meeting in May. Dr. Wood's subject will be "The insectivorous plants of this region." Mr. W. F. Wenzel, from the section on Entomology, was appointed lecturer for the meeting in June. A committee on constitution for permanent organization, which will date from the 20th May next, will be announced at a future meeting. The Society will apply to the Legislature for a charter.

The twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Wilmington Seamens Friend Society, will be held at the Bethel this (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock. The citizens generally are invited to attend.

The Cape Fear Steam Fire Engine Company: was out on their monthly parade and practice on yesterday afternoon.

We print this morning an interesting communication worthy of careful consideration on the subject of a narrow gauge route from Wilmington to the Mississippi Valley.

A flat has just been completed for Mr. Westbrook at the mill of Messrs. Colvill & Taylor. It will be employed in freighting on the North East.

## CITY CURRENCY.

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, 32; Charleston, 55; Galveston, 62; Jacksonville, 61; Mobile, 59; New Orleans, 62; Norfolk, 42; Savannah, 54; Wilmington, 47.

Index to New Advertisements. Geo. R. French & Son—In the front.

John D. Bellamy, Jr.—Attorney and Counsellor at law.

Jas. C. Stevenson—Standard goods.

P. Heineberger—A new importation.

Giles & Marchison—Baksmith's tools &c.

Narrow Gauge Through Route to the Mississippi.

To the Journal.

As the Legislature has before it a bill providing for the speedy construction of the Western North Carolina railroad. I take the liberty of suggesting to you, the propriety of calling attention to that body to the subject of narrow gauge railroad, their greater economy in construction, but more especially in operation. While the cost of building is only about three-fifths of the cost of the broad gauge, the cost of operating them is said by good authority not to exceed one half the cost of operating, and doing the same amount of transportation over a broad gauge railroad.

Now sir, it is not necessary to demonstrate to persons familiar with the carrying business of our railway (in this State) that there is not one of them but could do three times the business it has ever had offered at any time, upon a (3) three feet track, with proper equipment.

If this is so, and it cannot be denied, how much greater would be the profit? or how much less would it be necessary to charge the public for carrying its "trade and travel?"

Wilmington especially and North Carolina generally are much interested in "cheap transportation."

Suppose we had a three-foot railway from Wilmington via Charlotte, Lenoir and Asheville to the valley of the Sta. Tripp and the Ohio, where I would connect with the five-foot railway of that region, by which the products of the two sections could be exchanged at rates of transportation that would be as remunerative as those now charged by

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the five foot railway lines; what an advantage it would be to our own sea port and to our State! It would not only add largely to our import and export trade, but it would enable our people all along the line to develop a largely increased local business.

Why, then, not change the gauge of the Carolina Central and Western North Carolina Railroads to a three-foot gauge, making from Wilmington to Point Look and Duck Town one continuous and unbroken gauge through the State? The other line has already broken the uniformity of gauge by changing to a five-foot gauge, hence no harm will be done to other State lines. More anon.

C. S.

## THE FORGETFULNESS OF PEOPLE.

compels Dr. Pierce to remain invalids that his Golden Medical Discovery is unsurpassed as a blood, liver, and cough medicine. See his Memorandum Books; they are given away at all drug stores.

## State News.

Hickory has two saw mills. A gentleman in Shelby has 15,000 gallons of wine made from his own vineyard.

Miss Alice Knop, of Lincoln county, caught fire while cooking, and was burned to death.

Rev. Messrs. Jordan and Boone are endeavoring to establish a Baptist Church in Salisbury.

On Monday night last the neat cottage residence of Dr. James Alston, at Manson, was burned—also the kitchen and office.

Warrenton Gazette: On Monday last a small colored boy on the plantation of Mr. Samuel Tucker, got too familiar with the fire and was burnt to death. His mother left him in the room alone in the house and when she returned she found him burnt to a crisp.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

## IN THE FRONT!

## Geo. R. French & Son,

DEALERS IN

BOOTS & SHOES,

Lead in

QUALITY AND STYLE

Of GOODS, giving more

Durable & Comfortable-

Wearing Shoes,

At LESS Price than any House in the

CITY OR STATE!

We have the

Largest and

Most Varied

Assortment.

And you can always find the thing you

want at a REASONABLE PRICE, at

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## Standard Goods!

I DO NOT RUN THE RISK OF BUILDING up a reputation for

NEW GOODS,

For special pecuniary considerations, but offer to my customers the

Best Known and Most Reliable Goods

OF ESTABLISHED REPUTATION.

- THE -

Patapasco Family Flour,

Known to all the Southern trade for the last fifty years.

MARTIN'S "OILT EDGE" BUTTER,

FERRI'S TRADE MARK MEATS,

BURN'S

FLAVORING EXTRACTS,

GENUINE NEW ORLEANS MOLASSES,

NEW CROP CUBA

MOLASSES,

Donley's Full Weight Yeast Powders,

New CROP TURKISH PRUNES

and RITTERS APPLE BUTTER

TER 10 cents per pound.

JAMES C. STEVENSON.

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