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THE TELEGRAMS.

ARGUMENT BEFORE THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION.

PACKARD SHOT IN THE KNEE.

HENRY WELDON COMMISSIONER.

MISS THE ACT.

RUSSIA'S WARLIKE PREPARATIONS.

POLITICAL DISABILITIES OF GEN. JOS. E. JOHN.

SON REMOVED.

NOON REPORTS.

WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—A World's Washington dispatch says: Several Democratic members of the electoral commission who were upon the committee which framed the law under which the commission is sitting have had conferences of an informal nature in order to compare notes and refresh their recollections as to the interpretation, which was put upon the bill while in committee regarding the matter of going behind the returns in disputed States. They have very generally agreed that it was conceded by the Republican members of the committee that the bill distinctly authorized the investigation of the facts of the returns, to what extent they might carry their interpretation of this feature of law is a question to be decided in future. It may be carried to serious extent or simply be placed upon the record of the tribunal in the form of a protest. Before the commission events contended that the right to cast its vote rests with the State. The Federal power the Federal government had it held through the terms of the Federal constitution. The whole matter belonged to the State and it was for the Federal government to count the votes after they had left the State, as in the Florida case. The commission here had no power to count the vote. He then contended that there was no proof that Lovine and Brewster were not qualified on the 6th December, and proceeded to discuss the laws of Louisiana in regard to powers of the board and eligibility of State electors to be elected.

Night Reports.

WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Two companies of infantry have arrived at Oarterville to aid revenue collectors. They will be mounted. A delegation of printers from the public printing office called on the President and urged him to interfere against the proposed reduction of wages. The President signed the bill authorizing the commissioners of the Freedman's Bank to buy and sell property. A delegation called on the President for the pardon of Indian prisoners in Florida. The report that Gen. Babcock was a defaulter to a large amount is authoritatively disproved. His accounts were adjusted to Oct. 1. His accounts for the quarter ending with December are under examination in regular order of business, and nothing unusual was discovered. The amount advanced Gen. Babcock since July 1 was \$73,633. In the commission Judge Campbell closed at 5 o'clock. After a short recess session in which the commission agreed to vote at 4 o'clock to-morrow, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow. There will be an open session to-morrow after 4 o'clock.

SENATE.

The pensions committee reported adversely on the bill to increase the pension of the widow of Fletcher Webster and her son Daniel. The railroad bill was laid aside and the district tax bill discussed and passed.

HOUSE.

A bill passed removing the disabilities of Geo. W. City and Jos. E. Johnson of Va. The naval appropriation bill passed with an amendment providing for the appointment of a commission to decide upon the future naval policy of the United States. Adjourned.

PENNSYLVANIA.

WILKESBARRE, Feb. 15.—Mayor Kearney is dead. He was a Roman Catholic and prominent Free Mason. High mass denied till Bishop O'Mara directed by telegraph that the remains should be buried in consecrated ground. The committee of bankers appointed to enter into arrangements for the settlement of the affairs of several Southern States had a private meeting last evening. The subject considered at

been hanged to-day with Oichwald, his partner in the killing of policeman Brock, died in his cell this morning at 8 o'clock. He was very sick all night and it is supposed that he took poison.

NEW YORK.

New York, Feb. 15.—Boydell, Millay & Co., hat jobbers, have failed. Liabilities, \$84,000. Real assets, \$40,000.

FOREIGN.

PARIS.

Paris, Feb. 15.—Gen. Nicolas Anne Theodule Oburgarier, died yesterday.

LONDON.

London, Feb. 15.—A correspondent of the Daily News at Koenigsberg, gives a full account of the Russian mobilized army in a telegram dated Feb. 9th, which has been delayed in transmission. He states that the army at Koenigsberg, which would first move against the Turks, numbers 120,000 infantry, 8,000 cavalry and 428 guns.

It would be immediately followed by two corps which are now at Odessa, making the total of the army of advance 180,000 infantry, 12,000 cavalry and 720 guns.

The correspondent continues, as far as I can ascertain, everything is ready for the army to take the field at a moment's notice. A thousand horses have been brought here for the train. The bridge lying here is capable of passing the whole army over in a day. There are also 13 steam launches large enough to cross the Atlantic. Two large barques, some smaller boats, and masses of other things, showing that everything is looked after to the smallest detail. No difficulty has been experienced in obtaining horses.

I announced that despite the rumors to the contrary, the mobilization has proceeded satisfactorily, and that within a month, four army corps would have crossed the Pruth.

A Vienna dispatch to the Standard intimates that the Czar on the 24th, will order the mobilization of six more army corps. Russia has already decided on her line of action.

State News.

GRANVILLE COUNTY.

Granville county is excited over mines of valuable gold, recently discovered near Oxford.

Master Dixie Blackwell, caught his hand in the job press of the Torchlight, and three fingers of the left hand were cut off.

AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF SHERIFFS AND TAX-COLLECTORS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina passed the following Act:

Section 1. That all persons who have been sheriff or tax-collector of the several counties, cities, and towns of this State, for the years 1872, 1873, 1874 and 1875, their bondsmen and legal representatives, are hereby authorized and empowered to collect arrears of taxes for each of the years aforesaid, under such rules and regulations as are or may be prescribed by law for the collection of taxes: Provided, This act shall not authorize any sheriff or tax-collector, who is not now in office, to collect any insolvent taxes, where the same has been credited to him; but that the County Commissioners shall have power to place such insolvent tax lists in the hands of any sheriff or tax collector who may now or hereafter be in office.

Sec. 2. That this act shall not apply to sheriffs, tax-collectors, their bondsmen or legal representatives, who have not, at the time he attempts to collect said arrears of taxes, settled and paid said taxes to those authorized by law to receive them; but of such failure to settle and pay said taxes, the County Commissioners, or other authority, which may be established by law, to lay the county taxes, may appoint a tax collector, who shall have the power given in section one of his act to sheriffs and tax-collectors, to collect arrears of taxes for the years 1872, 1873, 1874 and 1875, and be subject to the rules and regulations as are, or may be prescribed by law for the collection of taxes.

Sec. 3. That nothing herein contained shall be construed to release said sheriffs, tax-collectors, their bondsmen or legal representatives, from liability to pay the State, county and other taxes at the time and place prescribed by law.

Sec. 4. That no persons shall be compelled to pay any tax under the provisions of this Act, who will make oath before any one authorized by law to administer oaths, that he or she has paid the same, or believes the same has been paid; nor shall any member or administrator be compelled to pay any arrears of taxes under this act.

Sec. 5. That the authority hereby given to collect arrears of taxes shall cease and determine on the 31st day of December, 1877.

Sec. 6. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Read three times, and ratified in General Assembly, this 11th day of January, 1877.

It was believed that the decision of the judges of the Supreme Court would at least have nearly unanimous on the point; but they went according to party leanings. There is one sort of justice for Republicans and another for Democrats. Baltimore Gazette.

most length was the debt of Virginia. There was a feeling of sympathy by the committee from the first and a desire was evinced to be as liberal as possible with this State, as well as with all those which will in future be included in the committee's deliberations. The discussion to some extent included other States but Virginia alone was treated at length. No conclusion reached when the committee adjourned.

CONNECTICUT.

BRIDGEPORT, Feb. 15.—The run on the City Savings Bank was \$75,000 up to noon. The bank is sound.

LOUISIANA.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 15.—Two men called at the door of the State House to-day and asked for Packard. One claimed to be an ex-Federal officer and the other a discharged soldier. They were conducted to the head of the stairs where one claiming to be a correspondent, named Weldon, of the Philadelphia Press, and desired to see Gov. Packard, was sent in. He found Packard seated at a desk and talking with Judge Bauman. Weldon took a seat on Packard's left and asked "when can I see you?" Packard turned and found a pistol pointed at his head. He struck the pistol down which was discharged, the ball taking effect in Packard's right knee. Packard then knocked Weldon down, when several other parties drew pistols and fired on Weldon, wounding him severely, but not fatally. The man who shot Packard says his name is Henry Weldon, of Philadelphia, where he has a mother and sister. Weldon says he had four men associated with him but they fled. The man who accompanied him to the head of the stairs has been arrested.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Richardson presented a petition from the commissioners of Columbus county, asking that the boundary lines between that county and Robeson be not changed. Calendar.

Rowland presented a petition from citizens of Robeson, asking that the boundary line between that county and Columbus county be changed. Committee on propositions and grievances.

Cobb presented a petition from the commissioners of Richmond county, asking authority to levy a special tax. Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Rowland: A bill to change the lines of Back Swamp township, Robeson county. Committee on propositions and grievances.

Wilson of New Hanover: A bill to make certain rice banks in rice plantations on the Cape Fear river, from ten miles above Wilmington to the mouth, a lawful fence. Referred.

Shackelford: A bill to amend section 1, chapter 6, private laws of 1870-'71 in relation to the inspector of the city of Wilmington. Referred.

The hour for the committee of the whole on the county government bill, was announced.

On motion of Rose, the committee rose and the chairman reported progress, the adoption of all the sections and asked a discharge of the committee.

Morning resumed the chair, and the question recurred upon the amendments offered by the committee of the whole, which were adopted by a vote, yeas 50, nays 30.

The question then recurred upon the minority report of the committee of the whole which, in substance, declares that the system of county government shall remain as at present. The yeas and nays were called and it was rejected by a vote of yeas 30, nays 70; a strict party vote with the exception of Wilson, of Transylvania, who voted aye.

The question recurred upon Bagley's amendment which gives the election of magistrates to the people.

Pending definite action the House adjourned to 10:30 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

"DOUBTING CASTLE."

When once decided, some future will again place confidence in any thing. In this fair? Do you doubt the church and religion, because you chance to know one or two hypocrites? Would you refuse all money because you had taken one or two counterfeit? Or because your search is aggravated by using the base and worthless preparations that see "puffed up" and "run for a season," will you condemn Dr. Bagley's Cabinet Remedy, that has been the standard remedy for scabs and sores in the head for nearly a quarter of a century?

One session of a former argument on the Florida vote contained 341 words.

LEGISLATURE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 14.

Senators presented some four or five memorials from nearly two hundred citizens of Guilford, praying that the old county courts might not be re-established.

The bill to establish a system of inferior courts in the several counties of the State, to be known as courts of Common Pleas, came up at the expiration of the morning hour, and on motion of Holt, was considered by sections.

A great many amendments were offered and adopted, the bill being considered by sections.

After all these, Mebane the introducer of the bill, took the floor and spoke in its behalf.

The House amendments to Senate bill to provide for the speedy completion of the Western North Carolina Railroad, were taken up as the second special order of the day and, upon motion of Johnston, the amendments were considered serialim.

The House amendments were adopted without objection, or passed over informally, until the amendment which strikes out the private stock was reached.

Folk took the floor and argued in opposition to the motion to concur.

Finger spoke also in opposition to the motion to concur.

The unfinished business of this morning, the proposed House amendments to the bill to provide for the speedy completion of the Western North Carolina Railroad was taken up.

The question was upon concurrence in the House amendment to strike out section 3 of the printed bill, which proposes to strike out the private stock.

The motion was put and the Senate refused to concur in the amendment.

Upon motion the Senate refused to concur in the proviso to the eighth section.

The amendment repealing the section in the act of 1874-'75 which gives the one-fourth interest to the private stockholders, was also upon motion, not concurred in.

The amendment providing that eight of the directors shall come one from each congressional district and one from the State at large, was taken up and considered.

The Senate adopted this amendment and concurred in the amendment of the House.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Unearthing of a Much Prized Relic.

Mr. F. V. B. Yopp while digging for the foundation of a pillar to a house, being erected on the corner of 7th and Market streets, unearthed, a few inches below the surface, a gold head, belonging to a cane, and bearing the inscription "Merrimack, J. C. Dobbin, Secretary of the Navy." The cane, we learn from Mr. John L. Holmes, brother-in-law to Mr. Dobbin, was presented to Mr. D. in Washington City, by the officers of the Merrimack, a vessel in the United States Navy, while he was Secretary of that department. How it came where it was found, is at present a mere matter of conjecture. Mr. Holmes thinks it was probably stolen, in Fayetteville, (the residence of the family) during the war, and found its way down here. One side of the head is somewhat battered, a piece being cut out a little way up from the hollow side, or that which fits over the stick. This leads us to suppose, as appearance indicates, that some unskilful hand took it off, probably for the purpose of selling it, thinking, no doubt, that the crucible would soon destroy all traces of its identity; and it may be, that at 1, his fears induced him to secrete it on this lot, being unoccupied. Mr. Dobbin has but one child living, who is the wife of Mr. John H. Anderson formerly of Fayetteville, but now residing in Brooklyn, N. Y., and we are assured that she will be rejoiced to get, and will value this memento of her father very highly. Mr. Yopp will place it in the hands of Mr. Holmes, who will send it to her.

Harboring Seamen.

It has been suggested that the Chamber of Commerce, memorialize the Legislature for the passage of a more stringent law in reference to the cutting away from their vessels and the harboring of seamen. Especially has there been great cause of complaint against some "boarding houses" kept for that class of men. We have been informed by a merchant that in the last two or three months he has had fifty men to desert from vessels under his charge, or rather allured away. In one instance there were three sailors who had been harbored—locked up in a room, by the landlord of a boarding house and kept for some time, when the mate of the vessel, suspecting their whereabouts, offered to feign desertion himself, and bring them back. The landlord, however, in this instance, was too smart for the ruse, for having his suspicions aroused he took needful precaution to prevent dire consequences to himself or sailors, so he locked the mate up, and kept them there until the vessel had sailed.

Bellevue Cemetery.

The stockholders of Bellevue Cemetery met last night in the City Court Room, the President, John D. Bellamy, Jr., in the chair, and twenty-six stockholders present.

Minutes of last meeting read and adopted.

The President stated that the present meeting was called to consider the charter, which was adopted unanimously.

It was moved that each stockholder be taxed \$5, to be paid in the next 30 days, for the beautifying of the grounds.

The following gentlemen were appointed to collect this assessment: Capt. E. W. Manning, G. F. Colvin, J. H. McGarity and J. D. H. Klender.

Brock's Exchange.

This well known house, containing bar, reading room and billiard saloon, has been reopened, under the proprietorship and management of Mr. Stephen S. Meredith. It is the design of Mr. M. to make it first class in every respect.

Index to New Advertisements.

Cronly & Morris—Buggies, carriages, &c., at auction prices.

Green & Flanner—Bible brushes, tooth brushes, combs, extracts and toilet articles.

Jas. C. Stevenson—Patapoco flour continues to grow in popularity and to make friends.

F. Hainberger—A large lot of beautiful new style Paperettes.

Giles & Robinson—Remington Cast Steel Socket Shovel.

See New Advertisements on fourth page.

Reports.

We publish in this issue the reports of the President, Treasurer, and Chairman of the Seamen's Friend Society. They would have appeared in our issue of yesterday, with the proceedings of the annual meeting, but they were not ready for publication.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

GENTLEMEN—Another year, fraught with its hopes and its disappointments, its joys and its sorrows, has passed and we come together again on this our annual meeting, to confer as to the best method of advancing the interests and usefulness of our Society. One of our number, and an officer of our institution, has but recently "passed through the valley of the shadow of death" and rests from his labors. I refer to Mr. Silas N. Martin, our late Secretary and Treasurer, than whom this institution had no firmer friend, nor one more ready to give his time and business talents to its advancement and for its benefit. We shall feel his loss as a counselor in our financial matters, and his earnest co-operation in all efforts to extend our influence for good.

Our acting Secretary and Treasurer will present a detailed statement of the condition of the treasury, to which we invoke your attention. Owing to the continued depression in business we have been unable to rent our property, as we contemplated, and the receipts have been therefore very much reduced.

The upper part of the Home not being all finished, has been detrimental to its rental and I would advise its completion as soon as the Society can see its way clear to do so after providing for its present indebtedness. We were compelled to incur during the past year a debt of some \$500 in repairing the front of the Bethel, which was so badly cracked and weakened as to be thought unsafe and liable to fall. It has been replaced by a substantial brick front and is now permanent and secure. We would advise some action in devising means to increase our revenue, and looking to a reduction of our present indebtedness. There are about one hundred of our citizens who pay the sum of \$2 per year to aid in paying the interest on the debt, and insurance on the building. I would suggest the propriety of calling upon the citizens generally to subscribe this small sum annually until business revives and our building and stores can be rented at remunerative prices.

Our claim against the United States government is in the hands of our Representative, Hon. A. M. Waddell, who promises to look after it and insure its collection if practicable. The Seamen's Friend Society thankfully acknowledges the donation from the parent Society of the Seamen's Friend Society of New York city, of the sum of six hundred dollars, to aid in sustaining the Chaplain in preaching and ministering to the seamen, who visit our port.

For amount of Christian labor performed we refer to report of our Chaplain.

Respectfully submitted,
Geo. R. FARNCH, Pres't.

Statement of receipts and disbursements of the Seamen's Friend Society for the year ending Feb. 6, 1877.

RECEIPTS.	
Amount from former Treasurer	\$231 55
Amount from parent Society for Chaplain's salary	600 00
Amount from rents	275 00
Amount from annual dues	98 00
Amount from Bank of New Hanover	300 00
Amount from Dawson Bank	292 00—\$1,796 55

DISBURSEMENTS.	
Paid to pairs, &c., on Home	532 66
Paid Chaplain	600 00
Paid Insurance	154 62
Paid Interest on Debt	424 04
Printing and Bureau	16 50—\$1,727 82

Balance in hands of Treasurer	\$68 73
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Respectfully submitted,
B. F. MITCHELL, Sec'y & Treas.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the W. C. & A. R. S.

GENTLEMEN—Time, with rapid flight, has brought us to the close of another year, and we all, made up of sorrows and joys, despair and hope, life and death. Yet amidst all this passing show of interests and conditions, there is a Providence in whose hands are the issues of life and death, and who overrules all for good.

The year now ending has been one of reasonable prosperity, in my work as Chaplain. How much good has been accomplished, how many have been influenced to better lives, if any, I know not. These things will never be fully known while we sojourn in the flesh. God knows. Eternity will reveal.

We trust, however, that all has not been in vain. We have endeavored to preach Christ prayerfully and with earnest simplicity.

Errors have been made, for to err is human. Duties may have been neglected, for sometimes we grow weary, and to tell, even in well doing. Truly, God is good and merciful, as our lives to-day demonstrate, as we have cause to be thankful as well as humble, and I thank God for His goodness during the year, and pray

that His blessings may go with us in the future.

The Bethel has been open every Sabbath for some months and regular religious services held there.

The Cape Fear Marine Total Abstinence Society was reorganized early in Nov. for the benefit of seamen. Its object is clearly explained by its title. Its success, thus far is favorable to its constitutional existence. The membership is increasing and we anticipate increased prosperity.

During the past year I have visited 784 vessels and distributed 69,815 tracts. Gentlemen, the outlook in my field is hopeful. Increased efforts will bring greater success. We need more aid from others. It is a good work, deserving our warmest sympathies. The Sailor needs friends. Would that the good people of this city would betray one half the interest in order to save him, as the bad people do to destroy him. Were this done a calm sea and propitious breeze would wait your vessel to the port of success. God grant that this may soon be.

Respectfully submitted,
Jos. L. KEES, Chaplain.

THE COURTS.

Magistrate's Court.

Before T. M. Gardner, J. P., Cato Mack, colored, (one of the thieves captured by officer Carr at Thornbury a few days since) was, on the affidavit of Ida Mack, charged with assault and battery, found guilty, and a justified bond of \$100 required for his appearance at the next term of the Superior Court; failing to give which he was sent to jail. This offence was committed last June, and the process of the law has been unable to reach him until his capture the other day. The testimony showed that the woman was badly beaten, had been stricken by him with a hoe helve several times, and in fact "laid up" from the effects of the brutal punishment he gave her. The Justice would have taken final jurisdiction, but he thought that the punishment permitted by the law to be inflicted for this crime, by his Court was insufficient in this case.

Mayor's Court.

Martha Williams, larceny of a pocket book, continued.

Benjamin Lane, disorderly conduct, dismissed at the costs of the prosecutor.

Jennie Seymour, selling liquor without a license, continued.

Eliza Finch, selling liquor on Sunday, dismissed.

Several other liquor cases were disposed of.

A party from South Carolina, drunk on the streets, not being a citizen he was dismissed on payment of costs.

Trial of the Shaw.

The North Carolina (Fayetteville) Gazette says that the above case was given to the jury on Friday night. The jury were out until Sunday morning, when finding that they could not possibly agree, the Judge discharged them. The prisoners Charles Allen and Tom Shaw, were allowed to give bail for their appearance at the next term of the Court. This will be recalled as the case of the rioters in which Mr. Neill Kennedy was killed, who in conjunction with other men, was endeavoring to defend a man who had voted the Democratic ticket.

Miss Anderson this Evening.

The attractions of the theatrical season is Miss Mary Anderson, who will play Juliet at the Opera House to-night.

The reserved seats have been nearly all taken, and we suppose that the theatre will be filled by a deeply expectant audience. Miss Anderson has met with high encomiums on this tour. We bespeak for her a large house.

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, 41; Charleston, 49; Galveston, 54; Jacksonville, 54; Mobile, 47; New Orleans, 54; Norfolk, 48; Savannah, 43; Wilmington, 53.

CITY CURRENCY.

A refreshing shower of rain last night.

In justice to Theodore E. White we state that he did give his pupils some lessons, but not all. He paid the costs yesterday and was set at liberty.

A new business, with Havre, France, has been opened. The Swedish barque Israel, which recently took out a cargo of superior cotton to that port gave such satisfaction that other shipments are required. The vessel was chartered by Mr. A. Pope, General Agent of the W. C. & A. R. S.