

THE JOURNAL.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 1879.

CONCORD, the Irish patriot is to lecture at Omaha Thursday evening.

GENERAL GRANT will reach Hong Kong about the middle of this month.

COPIOUS rains in Kansas last week, and the same in Central Nebraska.

A FIRE at Crete last week destroyed several buildings and damaged others.

CHIEF MOSES and other Indian warriors arrived at Washington City last week.

FROM London comes the report that thirty thousand Durham miners are on a strike.

THE President has nominated Robt. P. Wilson, of Pennsylvania, Consul at Moscow.

GEN. GARIBOLDI is reported to be in very feeble health, and it is believed that he cannot live long.

THE President has nominated Geo. S. Smith, of Plattsburgh, Surveyor General of Nebraska.

THE New Hampshire senatorial dispute has been finally settled by the admission of Chas. H. Bell.

THE Knights of Honor organization of this State has a membership of 900 as against 119 of a year ago.

LATER news from London reports ten thousand striking miners at Thaddeus Hill voted not to surrender.

DR. ST. LOUIS will be executed at Wauchoo, on next Friday, the 18th, between the hours of one and three p. m.

THE rope of the elevator at Grammercy Park hotel, N. Y., broke the other day, and the engineer was killed.

RUSSIA has decided to surrender Kulpa to China, and conclude a new convention with the Chinese government.

IN France five hundred and twenty more magistrates have been dismissed and resigned. Twenty others have been transferred.

THE colored citizens held a meeting at New York last week, at which subscriptions were taken up for the relief of southern refugees.

IT is stated that the Cheyenne Indians are on the war path, having broke camp the other day, and started in the direction of Western Kansas.

OMAHA and Council Bluffs are still cursed with "confidence" men and gamblers—hardly worth while to make the two classifications of them.

THE colored citizens of Boston and Philadelphia are taking active measures to assist their brethren of the south to escape from their persecutors.

HON. S. B. GALEY, attorney for the A. & N. R. R. Co., has recently been in consultation with the commissioners of Seward county; so says the Reporter.

JOHN W. GREGG, of the Chicago postoffice, has been found guilty of embezzling government funds from the money-order department to the amount of \$15,000.

THE foreign news foreshadows the marriage of the Austrian Crown Prince King Alfonso to the Arch-Duchess Maria, daughter of the Arch-Duke Charles.

IT may be considered by some people very appropriate that Mr. Blackburn should occupy the position of chairman of the Expenditures of the war department.

WILLIAM C. MARTIN, the real estate victim who was mysteriously assaulted in his own office, in New York city, the other day, died on the 12th inst., from his wounds.

AT the recent election in Michigan the Republicans carry the State electing Campbell for Justice of the Supreme court by over 2,500 over Shipman, his democratic competitor.

A BILL has been introduced into the Pennsylvania legislature asking an appropriation of \$250,000 for the relief of widows and orphans of those killed in the Pittsburgh riots of 1877.

IT gives us pleasure to announce the fact that the sister of Secretary Stanton has been appointed to a clerkship in the quartermaster general's office by Secretary McCrary.

IT is reported from London that Col. Pearson, in attempting to cut his way out of Ekowee, had a desperate fight, was repulsed, and nearly all the English troops in the party killed.

THE Republicans carry the city election in Cincinnati, and out of twenty-seven towns in Ohio from which returns have been received the Republicans have seventeen, the democrats seven.

LAST week serious riots were reported from London as having occurred in the colliery villages in Durham near Cousett. It was believed that there would be a conflict between the police and rioters.

SENATORS Withers and Johnson, of Virginia, have made a demand on the Secretary of the Treasury that all clerks employed in that department credited to Virginia, who are not bona fide citizens shall be removed.

SOME one in the House galleries the other day at Washington disturbed the proceedings by exclaiming in a loud voice, "Woe, woe, to this den of thieves." The doorkeepers promptly removed the disturber.

THE Widow Oliver has entered the lecture field, and it is stated will visit the north and west and deliver her lecture, entitled, My Late Trial with Senator Cameron. She lectured in Alexandria, Va., on the night of the 10th.

COL. D. B. STOCKING, well known to citizens of Omaha and in army circles, was found dead on the 11th inst., at Omaha, in a water-closet. His death was the result of a long series of alcoholic excesses, and had been anticipated by his friends for some time.

Smooth and Soothing.

Representative Stevens took occasion to offer recently in the democratic caucus some smooth and soothing resolutions as an offset to the utterances and action of his southern brethren in the House, but in his effort to head off the excitement already engendered among the people in regard to all obnoxious legislation he still discloses the hidden purpose of the south to keep open the flood-gates of fraud, ballot-box stuffing and carrying elections.

He says "but they (the democrats) are utterly opposed to the military forces in any way interfering with the freedom of elections;" so are we, but at the same time we believe something is necessary to be done which will protect the citizen in his right to vote without the fear of being shot down at the polls by his political opponents and thus kept from voting at all, and some method by which scoundrels can be kept from stuffing ballot boxes with illegal votes. And we do not at all doubt that the spirit of the American people will yet prevent these frauds upon the ballot-box. No, no, Mr. Stevens, it is utterly out of the question to smooth over the situation. Mr. Blackburn gave utterance the other day in the House to the true sentiments of the south and it is useless to disguise or attempt to cover it up, and it behooves every true patriot of the country to look well at the threat, for it will be as surely executed as time and the power attained can accomplish it. Read the threat which follows in Blackburn's speech:

"I and those with whom I stand identified, are willing to accept the issue; we more, we go further and admit that we are the ones who make the issue, and we are ready for you to accept it. Planting ourselves on this broad ground, we welcome the controversy. For the first time in 18 years the democracy is back in power in both branches of congress, and we propose to celebrate our return to power by wiping from the statute books these degrading restrictions on freemen, and by striking away the shackles which partisan legislation has imposed. We do not intend to stop until we have stricken the last vestige of your war measures from the statute books."

So long as there is a possibility that reactionary measures may succeed, it is the duty of every Union man, who is in favor of the stability of our government and the constitution as amended to meet the exigencies of the slaveholders' rebellion, to stand firmly where we all stood in '75. No step backward.

To the question, what do you think of Hayes and his policy? An Iowa Republican friend writes: "Of Hayes I think highly, as I have ever done. Of his policy—well, there you have me. Perhaps I cannot better express my sentiments on that than by saying that it seems to me he is 'the victim of misplaced confidence.' I hoped well for his policy in the outset, but it seems he had too much confidence in the honor of men who have nothing of the kind except the word. I believe Hayes is a good man, who, through too much display of what is kindly in a noble nature, has worked a real injury to a country he was ambitious to serve." And this will be found to be a pretty fair statement of the average Republican opinion.

It is stated that the train that took the soldiers from Omaha to Hastings on the 11th traveled most of the way at the rate of seventy-five miles an hour. The engineer and fireman travelled under the exciting news of the call of Gov. Nance for troops at Hastings to check the cow-boys in their reported attempt to rescue Olive and his party, and put the engine to its full speed.

SENATOR LAMAR of Mississippi, and Senator JONES, of Louisiana, believe that the recent exodus of the colored people of the south will result disastrously to some of the southern states. Some of the parishes in Louisiana are nearly depopulated, and as it is now planting time unless other hands can be secured in these districts the crops for the coming year will be an entire failure.

The Republican city ticket was elected in Columbus, Ohio, electing G. G. Collins, Mayor by 1,200 majority and five majority in the city council. This is the first time since the organization of the party that the republicans elected the Mayor. It is claimed that it was not a party triumph as many democrats voted the Republican ticket. It is all the same a glorious victory.

It was stated last week that a party of Sioux Indians, probably the same that killed Humsden and Johnson near Junction city the week before, have again appeared on the Yellowstone, one hundred and two miles from Roseman, and run off twenty horses, including those belonging to the stage company. The settlers are considered in much danger.

An attempt was made last week to rob the Yankton coach by John S. Parsons, at Saddle Creek, Dakota, who was arrested by special agents from Chicago, who were armed for the occasion, and who had been warned of his designs.

MURDER WILL OUT.

Matters Connected with the Trial of Olive and His Partners in Crime.

We gave the court proceedings in this celebrated case last week down to the 4th, where all the motions for change of venue and continuance had been overruled and a new indictment found against the defendants, except DeFrank, whose testimony the State considered indispensable to aid in the conviction of the criminals. At the arrival of the 10th inst., the long contest in obtaining a jury ended with the selection of the following jurors for the trial of the case: William Bailey, James State, S. M. Hoagland, H. M. Palmer, J. C. Davis, Connor Knopf, W. M. West, A. J. Millet, C. O. Henry, H. L. Pratt, A. R. Pearson, Thomas Carroll. After court convened this morning General Dillworth opened the case for the State, and General Connor for the defence.

The testimony was proceeded with which in detail is too lengthy to find a place in the JOURNAL, this week, but tended to fix the guilt of the killing and burning of Mitchell and Ketchum on Olive and his band. The witnesses McNamar, Abell, Matthews and Dufrand all corroborate each other in the main facts of identification and the circumstances of capturing the wagon which contained Mitchell and Ketchum, and returning with the team without Mitchell and Ketchum. The testimony disclosed further the finding of the murdered men's bodies; Ketchum was hung to a limb of a tree; the body of Mitchell was chained to that of Ketchum and was partially suspended, hanging upright with one knee on the ground, the rope with which he had been suspended having been burned in two, allowing the body to partially fall. Both the bodies had the appearance of being burned, and each was stripped of clothing, except hats and boots.

Olive, Gartrell and Brown were identified as being with the party. On the 11th a new light broke in upon the case and Bion Brown, one of the prisoners, turns State's evidence and tells the whole story of the lynching of Mitchell and Ketchum. Olive demanded Mitchell and Ketchum from Sheriff Gillen, who gave them up after some hesitation; the wagon was driven under a tree; when this was done, by the direction of Olive, Gartrell put a rope around Ketchum's neck, and Mexican Pedro served Mitchell in the same manner. The ropes were then tied to the limb of the tree, and the prisoners were hand-cuffed. Olive stood by the wagon. Olive grabbed up a rifle and shot Mitchell in the side. Gartrell and Olive got into the wagon together. Gartrell took up the lines, whipped the horses and left the prisoners hanging to the tree. The clothing of Mitchell took fire from the gun, and Olive ordered him to put it out, which he thought he did. He testified that he saw Olive pay money to Sheriff Gillen; that Olive, Fisher, Green, Baldwin, Gartrell, himself and the Mexican were present.

From apprehended danger a company of soldiers arrived at Hastings to-day in charge of Captain Burt from Omaha. Things appear quiet since their arrival.

Later news from Hastings shows that the defence in the Olive case began the examination of witnesses on the 12th. George Sanford, who first found the bodies, was the first witness examined. His testimony corroborated the other witnesses who preceded him in the description of the appearance of the bodies, etc., especially the evidence of Brown as to the burning of the bodies.

The defense thus far appears to confine its testimony to bringing out extenuating circumstances and proving that Olive and Fisher's reputation as law-abiding citizens was good. All the witnesses examined so testified. Some of them had heard that Olive got into occasional difficulties, in some of which he had drawn a revolver.

Attorney James Laird, for using contemptuous and insolent language was fined \$25, by Judge Gaslin. Laird then arose and protested in a speech, gaining applause. He was then rebuffed by Judge Gaslin until the fine was paid, and thereupon he left the court room.

The army appropriation bill passed the house unincumbered, by a vote of 148 yeas to 122 nays, Greenbackers voting as follows: Affirmative—De La Matry, Ford, Gellette, Jones, Ladd, Lowe, Murch, Stevenson, Weaver and Yokum. Negative—Barlow and Forsythe.

KENTUCKY Republicans in convention condemn the lawless attempt on the part of a democratic congress to coerce the President to subvert its views by a threat of withholding appropriations. Such threat is as revolutionary in spirit as that of 1861.

THE Journal of Commerce says it was a stern chase after all, in Omaha, and terminated like Strickland's celebrated race horse—the democrats drove all the Republicans before them—into office.

It was reported last week that the Indians at Lappelle river had seized the government stores at that place. It is not from any rebellious motive, but it is believed hunger prompted their action.

THE REACTIONARY PARTY.

Its Course and Evident Aims Re-animate the Union Party.

The recent course of the Democrats in congress has had the effect to concentrate and unite the different elements of the Republican party. The grand central idea of the party organization attracts them again with irresistible force, and the Rebel element may as well understand, first as last, that the Republican party, may more, the Union party, the men who laid aside all minor differences and came together as one man in their fight against secession and disunion, will now be a unit against any and every reactionary measure which may be presented. They know that public tranquillity depends largely upon the tenacity with which political organizations cling to the fundamental law of the land, in the spirit of the amendments which were made necessary by the slaveholders' rebellion. Intelligent men are watching the course of events with feverish anxiety, and the very fact that there are many, really well-meaning citizens who pride themselves upon their inattention to public affairs, makes the situation all the more alarming. The first notions are not enough heeded. The tendency of the public is to let matters go from bad to worse; to permit evils to accumulate, and finally, with one mad blow, sweep them away. This is somewhat, too, the fault of our political system, in which the people's will, except in the extremity of danger, is executed very tardily, if at all.

Boone County.

ST. EDWARD, April 4, 1879.

EDITOR JOURNAL: Judging by the big packages of your weekly issue, regularly received at this and other post-offices in our county, we have concluded that your circulation in this latitude must be somewhat extensive and for that reason ask leave to trespass upon your columns to the extent of a few lines of local news.

To begin with, our county is rapidly settling up with a class of citizens that are a decided improvement (financially) on us, the early homesteaders. Those who have settled among us during the present season are generally able to buy improved land; several have bought in this neighborhood, and still they come.

It is generally estimated that the acreage of wheat in this county this spring is over one-half more than last year, and yet the sale of new breaking plows will continue.

If the quantity and quality of public and private amusements in a community should be taken as an indication of the happiness enjoyed therein, then we ought to be supremely happy. Monday night a rating of a few horse races took place in our school-house, with the promise to come again. Tuesday night, a grand surprise party rallied on the residence of Mr. J. O. Disher. They went there to have a good time, and they had it.

Dr. D. V. Whitney, a new residence on his little lot (2½ acres) on the banks of the Beaver. M. J. Thompson, a new dwelling under course of erection, just north of the Doctor's, and still north of M. J. we find our new Baptist church rapidly approaching completion. The buildings just mentioned, with the new dwellings of Wm. Vizzard and Robt. Hardy in the south side of town, complete all we have in that line presented.

Miss Laura A. Rockwell of Pennsylvania arrived here about two weeks since, and expects to spend the summer with her aunt Mrs. Mary A. Hill.

In taking the census, our assessor has made the astounding discovery that our Waterville and St. Edward ladies are annually growing younger. That's all right, I suppose, but the assessor don't seem to understand it.

Greenbacks are generally good enough hereabouts but the ladies seem to show a decided preference for "cash."

VIDETTE.

COLUMBUS MARKETS.

Our quotations of the markets are obtained from the afternoon, and are correct and reliable at the time.

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