

A PRETENDER IN FRANCE.

A Royalist Coup d'Etat Nipped in the Bud.

DUKE OF ORLEANS ARRESTED.

The Son and Successor of the Comte de Paris Captured With a Manifesto in His Pocket.

A Hash Youth.

Paris, Feb. 7.—By prompt action the government today nipped in the bud what apparently was intended to be a royalist coup d'etat modelled after Louis Napoleon's mad descent upon Boulogne, and the only consequence is that the duke of Orleans, the eldest son of the count of Paris, is tonight in custody.

The duke arrived in Paris today, bearing a letter written and signed by the comte de Paris, announcing to the faithful and to all others the count's abdication. He also had with him a manifesto addressed to the people of France. Nominally, and according to the theory of the pretenders, a pretender is always a king, and therefore in virtue of this abdication all claims, rights and titles descend to his eldest son, the young gentleman now in the hands of the authorities—Philippe Louis Robert d'Orleans. This gentleman, therefore, is not merely one of the many variant princes, but is the actual pretender to the throne in virtue of his claims, and the heir of the old Bourbon line. His coming into the country in violation of the law, which forbids all heads and heirs of the reigning family to escape if it stands alone. The fact that he was equipped with an appeal to the nation shows his intention, and may make the escape a serious one for him.

If it should be developed that this movement is made in virtue of an understanding with the partisans of monarchy in France it may be more than a mere violation of the laws of expulsion. There is some reason to believe the movement is made in concert with the determined opponents of the republic, as the duke repaired immediately to the house of the duke of Lyons, the present head of the family that has always adhered with uncompromising heroism to the old monarchy. It is in this house the young man has long been residing. On the day before, February 4, the duke d'Orleans attained the age of twenty-one. The abdication of his father, the comte de Paris, and the movement were apparently planned with regard to that date and in order to electrify France with a demonstration that the crown was now in new hands; that the crown now belonged on the head of a preux chevalier who would dare something for it and not fold his hands in the lap of fortune.

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LINCOLN AND MCCOOK PLUMS.

Clark and Teeter, Lindsay and Baumgardner Catch the Fruit.

NEW NEBRASKA TERRITORY.

Uncle Sam Will Soon Turn Over About Two Million Acres—The Sioux Proclamation Expelled Today.

WASHINGTON BUREAU THE OMAHA BEE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—The Nebraska delegation have held several conferences during the past week upon the question of land office appointments. This afternoon, at a session in which the claims of all the applicants were fully considered, the delegation decided to recommend for appointment to the land office at Lincoln, William H. Clark for register and Joseph Teeter for receiver; for the McCook land office, D. P. Baumgardner for receiver and J. P. Lindsay for register. There have been at least fifty applicants for these positions, all of whom have been bulwarped by cordial recommendations, and the selections are finally made only after a protracted session.

During the time of Senator Saunders in the territory, the state of Nebraska was the northern boundary of Nebraska eastward from a point where the Keya Paha river intersects the 4th parallel to the intersection of that line with the Missouri river. The bill provided that when the Indian title to the lands described should be ceded to the United States the tract of territory, should be a part of the state of Nebraska. While on the main of the state of Nebraska this tract has been known as being Nebraska territory it has never been actually such or shown on the maps of the government. Early in the present session Senator Paddock called upon Commissioner Groff and Secretary Noble and directed their attention to the forthcoming opening of the Sioux reserve and the claim of Nebraska to this territory as soon as the proclamation of the department should be issued.

Later Senator Manderson, in response to inquiries from the O'Neill land office, subsequently, in the executive department. This morning Senator Paddock was informed by letter from Secretary Noble that subject to his approval he would be glad to order the issuance of an executive order transferring to the state of Nebraska the portion of land south of the Forty-third parallel and north of the 40th parallel, and the States by the Indians. It will be added to the O'Neill land district and by this act and the issuing of the proclamation the jurisdiction of the territory will be extended over the territory subject to the rights of the United States to the lands and the disposition thereof. Thereafter the land will be open to settlement with the Sioux reservation.

It is so stated definitely that the president will tomorrow issue a proclamation opening the Sioux reservation to settlement, which adds to the public domain about eleven million acres of valuable agricultural land in South Dakota.

SUPERSTITION SOCIETY WORKS.

Some of Washington's society women were considered throughout over a superstition. The claim that the doctor of the Illinois family are not at an end because the hearse in the last two funeral processions stopped in front of the house.

SENATOR PADDOCK.

Senator Paddock called this morning upon Secretary Noble with reference to a report which had reached him of the court in the lower court of the interior which the change was asked for were that the lands surrounding the agency were not adapted for the instruction of the Indians in the proposed removal and that the interior department should fully satisfy himself as to the desirability of the change. Secretary Noble said that the arrangement as now made would be sent to the interior department for their consideration.

WANAMAKER AS AN EVANGELIST.

It was stated in these dispatches a week or two since that Senator Randall was baptized and received into the Presbyterian church upon confession of faith, and it now appears that his conversion is due to the hearty influence of evangelist General Wanamaker. He has been a regular visitor to the chamber of the ex-speaker ever since he has been in the territory, and he has been baptized at least once or twice or three times. The conversation on these occasions has been religious questions, and Wanamaker has finally convinced Mr. Randall of his duty to make a public confession of faith and receive the sacraments of the church.

Wanamaker received a religious education in his youth and his family are frequent attendants upon church services, but none of them have ever received communion except his eldest daughter, Mrs. Lancaster, who joined the Catholic church a few years ago, shortly before her marriage. Mr. Wanamaker's arguments were addressed to Mr. Randall's reason and no attempt was made to use the influence that is ordinarily exerted upon those who are near death's door. It was purely an intellectual recognition of the doctrines of the Christian religion for which Mr. Wanamaker has always felt and expressed great respect, but to which he has never given any study or thought. It was by Mr. Wanamaker's advice that he accepted the invitation to attend church, and he expressed a desire to see a clergyman. The Rev. Dr. Chester was called in. Mr. Randall's friends do not believe that he will ever be able to resume his seat in congress, and the nature of his disease will not permit of it, and even should he recover sufficiently to be able to resume his seat in congress, the ability of his position as a leader of the democratic side would be too great for him to endure.

It is stated in another dispatch that the Union Pacific railroad stockholders are trying to raise money with which to pay off the debt the company owes to the government; but they will propose a compromise which will likely be accepted by congress. The Union Pacific railroad is the main artery to the proposition for an extension of the time in which the Pacific companies shall meet their obligations to the government, aggregating more than \$100,000,000, and should be able to resume their seat in congress, but the respect now under way is successful than other Pacific will have a hard time to induce congress to extend their time of payment.

THE WEATHER FORECAST.

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NEWS FROM NEBRASKA TOWNS.

Attended Suicide of a Dodge County Farmer's Wife.

INSANE FROM THE INFLUENZA.

A Bold Burglar at Friend Town in Ransack the Entire Town—Drowned While Chopping Wood—Unsuccessful Attempt at Suicide.

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