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WHO WILL BE THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE?

Through the Democratic defeat in Ohio Thurman has become an impossibility. While Tilden may be able to control a considerable following at the North and a limited one at the South, we feel confident that before the assembling of the National Democratic Convention...

At the first view it would seem that the only man of great material proportions left on the Democratic side, is he who is not and who never has been a candidate; he who never schemes, never intrigues, never stoops to conquer. Whose financial theories are in accord with those of the East and not objectionable to the South—Thomas F. Bayard. But Bayard's is not the only name that looms into prominence. There is Gen. Hancock, to whom General Chalmers, of Mississippi, a recognized leader of the solid South, referred in the following language in a recent speech delivered at Corinth, Mississippi:

"If the Democracy of the North will only give us a fair opportunity we will demonstrate to the world that we have no jealousy of the Union soldier. If they will only nominate as our standard-bearer in 1880 some gallant soldier, who loved the Union and sealed his faith with his blood, who fought for the preservation of the Union and not the destruction of the States, who was satisfied when the South laid down its arms and refused to oppress and crush a conquered people—then a wild shout of applause will go up and re-echo as it comes booming across the Ohio until it awakens a responsive chord in the hearts of the Union soldiers of the North."

These are true and interesting statements of Gen. Chalmers. Gen. Hancock is a great soldier, a broad and liberal-minded man and not a politician. Let us have for our next nominee either Bayard or Hancock.

GOVERNORS.

Governors of the several States met in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, on the 18th. The Governors of Connecticut, Virginia, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, North Carolina, Delaware, Maryland and Massachusetts were present. The Governors of the other five States were not present. Governor Holliday, of Virginia, was chosen President.

Governors Hall, Jarvis and Simpson and Col. Lincoln spoke in grateful terms of the reception they had received, and the opinion was freely expressed that the success of the Yorktown celebration would have a powerful tendency to bring about unity of thought and feeling between the North and the South.

Governors Hoyt, Simpson and Holliday were appointed a committee on resolutions, and reported the following which were adopted:

Resolved, That we, the Governors and representatives of the original colonies, knowing that the purposes for which we have assembled meets the hearty approbation of our constituents, do hereby commend to the people of the United States such celebration of the centennial anniversary of the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown as shall best fit the historical significance of that event and the present greatness of the nation.

Resolved, That a committee of one from each State be nominated by the Governors thereof, of which committee Governor Holliday shall be chairman, to make proper arrangements for such celebration.

The meeting then adjourned.

The press of the entire country are commenting strongly on a late order issued by Postmaster General Key to the postmasters of the country prohibiting the forwarding of letters when the State is omitted in the address. For instance, a letter directed to New York, must not be forwarded to that city, but must go to the Dead Letter Office, as N. Y., does not appear in the address to indicate the State. So it would be if a letter was addressed, from this place, to any one in Charleston and the S. C., was omitted. Although our postmaster might well know the party addressed and that it was meant for Charleston, S. C., she could not forward it to that city, but must forward it to the Dead Letter Office. It used to be the pride of the Department that every imperfectly addressed letter found its destination. The Postoffice Department should be maintained for the convenience of the people and not simply for the P. M. G., and his subs to draw their salaries.

ILLEGAL OBSTRUCTIONS TO MIGRATORY FISH.

Our Fish Commissioner, Colonel A. P. Butler, under authority of the act creating his office, went energetically to work last year, stocking the several streams of the State with shad and other fish, and as was the intention of the Legislature, the people of the different sections of the State through which these streams flow should enjoy the benefit to result from Col. Butler's work. On Saluda River, above the dam of the Saluda Factory and on its tributaries, they are prevented from doing so, however, as the dam runs entirely across the river and totally obstructs the ascent of fish. The law, Chapter LXXVII, Section 1st and 2d, pp 400, Revised Statutes, says:

SECTION 1. That at no time during the year shall there be any permanent obstruction of any kind or nature whatever in any of the inland creeks, streams or waters of the State, to the free migration of fish; and there shall be a close time in all the creeks, streams and inland waters of this State from the setting of the sun each Saturday, until the rising of the sun on each Monday, during which time all seines, nets, wires, or any plan or device for the stoppage or catching of fish which obstruct more than two-thirds of any stream, other than a dam for manufacturing purposes, shall be removed from said creeks, streams or waters, and the owner, in whole or in part, of any such obstruction, plan or device shall be liable to a fine of twenty dollars for each and every offence, one-half to go to the informer, and the other half to the use of the county in which such obstruction is found.

Sec. 2. All manufacturing companies or persons who have erected, or may erect, artificial dams across the inland creeks, streams or waters of this State, which prevent the migratory fish from ascending the same, shall construct proper fishways over the same; and should such manufacturing companies or persons refuse or fail so to do, they shall be liable to a fine of five thousand dollars, recoverable by the county in which such dam has been or may be erected, in a Court of competent jurisdiction.

The only amendments which have ever been made in the regular sessions of 1871-72 act 149 pp. 191, and 1877-78 act 494 pp. 529. Each of these amendments apply only to Sec. 1st, as published above, and only change the days of the week which the obstruction therein mentioned shall be removed. Thus the 2d Section, as above quoted, is still in force and says that a proper fish-way shall exist over (Saluda) all dams.

In the Revised Statutes, Chapter Sec. 84, pp. 129, it was made the duty of the Commissioner of the Bureau of Fish and Game to see that no violations are committed. But as the office of Com'r. of B. of A. S., has been abolished, we must conclude that the duty of prosecuting such violations still lies with the Solicitor, or has been transferred to the jurisdiction of the present Fish Commissioner.

As a supply of migratory fish is quite an object of food as well as of luxury to the people, we trust that our exchanges, published in counties through which the Saluda runs or borders, will agitate this subject until we succeed in forcing the construction of proper fishways for the ascent of migratory fish to the mountains. Years ago shad were caught from the Saluda, in this county, and sold at 6 1/2 to 12 cents a piece. Why, after stocking the river and removing obstructions, can we not have them sufficiently abundant once more?

The shooting of Nix, the negro postmaster at Blackville, by young Williams, has been brought before the Cabinet at Washington, and the affair will be made the basis of action which will precipitate a bitter and prolonged political debate in Congress, covering the whole field of the State sovereignty question. The Cabinet will seek legislation from Congress giving the general government the same jurisdiction, through the Federal courts, over postmasters and other Federal officers as it now possesses over revenue officers. The issues involved in the Statute which now gives the general government the authority to transfer causes of revenue agents from State to Federal courts will be discussed in the Supreme Court with in two or three weeks.

Attorney-General Devens in his argument before the Supreme Court of the United States on the Virginia case, contended that according to the reconstruction legislation of Congress the colored men whose cases were before the court had the undoubted right to demand trial before a jury of their own race, and in answer to interrogatories put to him by Mr. Justice Field, said that Chinese and Irishmen had the right also to demand to be tried before a jury of their own race. This would imply that Mr. Devens thinks that every German, Englishman, Frenchman, Italian, &c., has the same right. The position of Mr. Devens is too ridiculous to merit comment.

The second exhibition given at Fleetwood Park, New York, on Thursday, by Mr Butler, of Hamburg, S. C., of a negro and a pack of hounds attracted about three dozen men and youths, and as a speculation was a dismal failure.

Washington Letter.

The Indian troubles, which have occupied so much attention for some days past, are likely to continue for some time. The first seemed to have been already transpired revived by our Indian policy general. The proposed transfer of the Bureau to the War Department is the most important question before Congress at the approaching session. Some time ago Congress called upon the Treasury Department for information as to the amount of money that was being expended for the Indian service, and the lack of an appropriation to meet the statement prepared has not yet been made. It may be stated that the appropriations of this year are not sufficient to meet the requirements of the Indian service, and that the Government is unable to meet the requirements of the Indian service, and that the Government is unable to meet the requirements of the Indian service.

Indians say that they are very uncertain, and in this appears to have learned something of their experience. Abstractly viewed, a Ute may be one of nature's nobles, but in concrete, so to speak, he is a dirty, thieving, and otherwise depraved being. His moral sensibilities, if he has any, have been corrupted by association with bad white men. The Utes for such elements, located in grazing regions, have been a delusion and a snare to both Indian and white man. A person who has just returned from the West, says that, while he is not an expert in Indian matters, the origin of the present difficulty presents no mystery to him. He says the excitement in all parts of Colorado over the mineral development is almost inconceivable. Every openly acquired wealth are on very long. The daily arrivals at Denver, from 500 to 1,000 individuals. He scarcely stop to talk of profits amounting to anything less than millions, an amount significant than all else, is the fit the mysterious rumors are circulation of lines in the Ute country richer than we yet have found in the Leadville region. The Indians know as well as we that all this means expatriation or extermination for them unless the Federal Government holds its word as sacred which pledges it to the white man. Carson fears that an army of the strength of that of the Federal Government could not long protect the Indians under the circumstances.

After all that has been said about our Indian policy, and all the evil that has come from the doings of rascally agents, the trouble is not so much the fault of the Government as it is of the white man. The trouble is not so much the fault of the Government as it is of the white man. The trouble is not so much the fault of the Government as it is of the white man.

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BULL SWAMP, Oct. 17th 1879.

Mess. Editors—We had a few mad dogs in our midst recently and they caused some excitement among our citizens. Our farmers are all busily engaged gathering their light crops, picking, ginning and selling cotton, and enjoying the fruits of their labor.—S. S. Hammond had an examination in his school yesterday. He offered a nice book as a reward to the student who made the best and highest average. John L. Brooker, son of Mr. Jno. S. Brooker, a youth of about fourteen years, won the prize.—Mr. Hammond will have an exhibition on Saturday, 25th instant, at his school near the head waters of Bull Swamp. A nice time is anticipated on that occasion. FARMER.

In the Edgfield court on Friday morning, the 15th, was commenced the trial of James Booth for the murder of Brooker Toney. The court was engaged until the following Monday noon in taking testimony. Arguments were made by Senator M. C. Butler, R. G. Bonham and C. L. Woodward, Esq., for the defense, and Hon. J. G. Sheppard, Gen. M. W. Gary and Solicitor Abney for the State. On Tuesday at noon the jury rendered a verdict of "not guilty." The other parties concerned in this case—Marion and Sam Booth, John Carpenter, Dave Kessick, Mark Toney, W. L. Coleman, Wade Lott and Elijah Watson—were tried on the evidence brought out in the trial of Benjamin Booth, without argument, and a verdict rendered in each case of "not guilty."

The Advertiser says: "The fatal affray of the 12th of August was a confused melee, taking place amid a crowd and frantic excitement, and with apparently a dozen men on either side, shooting wildly. How was the real truth ever to be got at? The speeches were long, and interesting, and ingenious, and able, and loud. Judge Mackey charged ably, leaning to acquittal and informing the jury that they must attempt no mistrial tricks, that he would sit there until doomsday in the morning waiting for their unconditional verdict. The jury retired, and after remaining out for a few minutes, returned with a verdict of not guilty. And Ben Booth went free! And James Booth, Thomas Booth and Brooker Toney sleep in their bloody graves! And the violated law is not vindicated."

EDGEFIELD.

Mr. Littleton Smith, who was born in Newberry, October 13, 1791, and who now lives in Edgfield, has the largest posterity of any man living. Children now living, 8; grandchildren 55; great-grandchildren, 128; great-great-grandchildren, 8. Total living 199. Children dead, 2; grandchildren, 16; great-grandchildren, 23; great-great-grandchildren, 1. Total dead, 42. Grand total, 241. Now in his eighty-eight year he is still as vigorous as a horseback with ease, and can knock us down.

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SHERIFF'S SALE. FAMILY CIGARS WINES ALEXINGTON COUNTY, IN COMMON PLEAS. Harriet K. Simmons vs. William I. Harth. The State of South Carolina, LEXINGTON COUNTY, IN COMMON PLEAS. Harriet K. Simmons vs. William I. Harth. The State of South Carolina, LEXINGTON COUNTY, IN COMMON PLEAS. Harriet K. Simmons vs. William I. Harth.

Collection of Tax. I will attend at the following places and for the purpose of collecting taxes due for the year 1878: Carson Able's, morning; W. J. Barr's, evening; Batesburg; Summit; Lee-ville; Lexington C. H. 29th, 30th, & 31st. State Tax; County Tax; School Tax; 5 per cent. penalty on May installment. Taxes payable in gold and silver coin. U. S. Currency, National Bank Notes, Jury and Witness Certificates. Books close on 31st of October, after which date they will be turned over to the Auditor and executions will be issued against all delinquent tax-payers. The Treasurer is required to collect all taxes charge upon his books by the Auditor and cannot therefore, make any corrections. Sept 1, 1879. J. S. DERBICK, Treasurer.

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