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## WASHINGTON ITEMS.

To-day the Inauguration takes place and Grant becomes president in fact as well as in name.

It is said that about 20 office-seekers from each county in the United States are present or represented in Washington to-day. We hope our Marshall county patriots will stand for their rights.

The "colored brother" from Louisiana, Menard, addressed the national house of representatives in behalf of his claims to a seat in that most august body a few days ago. Several white rads advocate his right to his seat.

The profound mystery of who will get a lucky number in Grant's cabinet is very suggestive of the good old play "button, button, who's got the button?" And thousands of embryo statesmen are panting with anxiety, expecting the little joker to be dropped in their willing hands. Sturdy old Ben Wade to-day retires from public life, in conformity with the wishes of his "feller citizens."

The suffrage amendment is now ready for the ratification of the several states, and it remains to be seen if the radicals dare seize the favorable moment and force their pet scheme upon an insulted and outraged people.

Butler says Scheuck's financial project for "strengthening the credit of the government," is a piece of villainy in the interest of brokers. Verily out of their own mouths are they condemned.

The propriety of admitting senator elect Pratt, from Indiana, to his seat one hundred and thirty pounds lighter than he was "billed" is being discussed, but it is said his loyalty will stand for the missing pounds.

Grant and the McClure delegation from Pennsylvania are said to have omitted the customary ceremony of "taking a drink" when they parted. The question now is who is a "representative republican?" Stuart is not and Grant says he is not.

Coffax and Grant are not cordial friends. Office-seekers will do well to present their claims without the recommendation of the "canary."

## FIREMEN'S MEETING.

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By direction of the chief engineer, the late ordinance of the board of trustees respecting the fire department was read; the chief engineer then stated the object of the meeting. After which remarks were made by Confer, Capron, Packard, Logan, Vinnedge, Toan, Westervelt, and others.

The following resolutions were then presented, and after an amendment to strike out all but what referred to preserving the organization of the fire companies impact had been lost, they were adopted, and on motion of Mr. Capron, they were ordered to be printed in the Democrat and Republican of Plymouth.

Whereas, The board of trustees of the town of Plymouth, in a special meeting called on the 22d day of February, 1869, for the more special purpose of securing the pauper sum of one dollar and fifty cents allowed to each member of the board, for each meeting, did then and there defy the authority of the volunteer firemen of the town of Plymouth to retain their organization, every member of which draws less pay for the labor performed, than is allowed said board for the onerous labor of meeting one evening to repeal ordinances passed at a previous meeting—every such meeting being attended by an enormous draft upon the treasury to pay the said board for services rendered, and for printing, leaving no funds in the treasury (after paying said board their one dollar and fifty cents, and for printing worthless and illegal ordinances) with which to redeem the bonds and orders of this corporation which have been outstanding for over one year, and the tax-payers have paid sufficient already to redeem all such bonds and orders, and have a balance in the treasury, had such fund been judiciously managed.

Therefore be it resolved by the chief engineer (elect of the fire department) and the members of the several companies, that the body known as the board of trustees of the incorporate town of Plymouth, shall be forever disbanded and dismissed from the service thereof

on or before the first Monday of May next.

And whereas, the statutes of the state of Indiana give no authority to the board of trustees to dissolve the organization of the fire companies, and therefore their order, to that effect, resembles the pope's bull against the comet, expressive only of their arrogance and stupidity.

Therefore resolved by the several fire companies, that they will preserve their respective organizations intact, and will not suffer or permit any interference therewith by the present board of trustees, whose reign will be very brief, and which will soon be remembered by the people of Plymouth for the folly and mischief they have perpetrated.

Resolved, that in the elegant and comely language of said board, directed to their chief engineer, we, the several fire companies, do call upon all the good people of Plymouth, irrespective of party, to proceed at the next corporation election to elect a new board of trustees, who will protect the interests of the people, do honor to our beautiful little town, and exhibit a spirit of manliness and decency to the fire department.

Mr. Toan presented the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved, that as members of the Hook and Ladder, engine and hose companies, we pledge ourselves to join no other fire company which may be hereafter organized in the town of Plymouth, under the present ordinance.

Mr. Packard presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved that the chief engineer, J. B. N. Klinger; Adam Vinnedge, foreman of the engine company, and Sig mund Mayer, of the hose company, be appointed a committee to investigate the expenditures of the board of trustees for the fire department, and of all other matters pertaining thereto, and that they make a report two weeks from to-night.

And whereas, by the action of said board of trustees, an emergency exists for the immediate taking effect of these resolutions,

Therefore, the same shall be in force from and after their adoption.

On motion the meeting adjourned until two weeks from this evening, at 7 o'clock p. m.

J. B. N. KLINGER, Chairman.

M. A. O. PACKARD, Secy.

## Female Suffrage.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 25.—The woman suffrage convention reassembled at 10 o'clock this morning. The attendance was very large.

The committee appointed on yesterday reported a preamble and resolutions affirming that all governments ought to be formed for the benefit of the governed; that the right of suffrage is the corner-stone of all permanent progress, the object being not to protect woman, but rather to place her in a position to protect herself; that to longer exclude one half of our citizens is foreign to the declaration of independence, and subversive of a republican form of government; that the word male should be stricken from every state constitution, and not be admitted to the federal constitution; that the ballot placed in the hands of woman will give her access to the best means of education, and blot out all barbarous and unequal laws relating to marriage and woman from our statute books; that as woman already possess great influence, the highest expediency directs the necessity of endowing her with full civil and political rights; that the democrat or reformer who denies suffrage to woman is a democrat only because he was not born a noble—one of those levelers who are willing only to level down to themselves.

The chairman invited the clergymen present to take seats on the platform, which met with a solitary favorable response.

The resolutions were next taken up, and, after an animated discussion, their consideration was postponed until the afternoon session, in order to enable Mrs. Stanton to make a biblical argument in favor of women's rights. The speaker's argument was able and exhaustive, and occupied the remainder of the morning hour.

At the afternoon session, Miss Peckham delivered an address, in which she expressed the usual platitude on the subject.

The resolutions reported at the morning session were adopted.

Several clergymen were present, who engaged in a discussion on the biblical merits of the question of women's rights, at the conclusion of which a committee was appointed to effect a state organization, and draft a constitution, with instructions to report at the evening session.

It is proposed by several leading spirits of the convention to go to Madison and agitate the legislation on the subject.

Gen. Canto had arrived at Darsuge.

## CONGRESSIONAL.

### SENATE.

Feb. 27.—Mr. Ramsey introduced a bill to encourage telegraphic communication with Europe. Referred.

Mr. Ramsey moved to take up the joint resolution declaratory of the act to establish an American line of steamships between this country and Europe. It gives the company another year to build their ships.

Mr. Hendricks opposed taking up the bill.

Mr. Whyte also opposed it, and said he would oppose the bill itself. There were already two lines of American steamships from Baltimore.

Mr. Nye asked him what flags those ships sailed under.

Mr. Whyte admitted that they sailed under a foreign flag.

Mr. Thayer was in favor of taking up the bill. He liked, at least, the object of it,—to take our mail carrying business from foreign vessels.

Mr. Morton then addressed the Senate on the bill in relation to the public debt and currency.

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## News from Mexico.

HAVANNA, Feb. 20.—The steamer from Vera Cruz brings news to the 13th inst. Gen. Negrete, on the 3d, captured the city of Puebla. He issued a proclamation, but evacuated the city on the approach of the government troops, taking the road toward Matamoras. Gen. Baird, of the government troops, now holds Puebla.

The report that Porfirio Diaz was implicated in this movement is untrue.

The revolutionists at San Martin, on the 6th, levied a forced loan of \$200,000 on the merchants.

The revolutionary Gen. Zepata, at Sizal, had fled. Gen. Vargas having attacked the insurgents.

The insurrection in Yucatan was local, merely.

A revolution was expected at Guadalajara. There was considerable trouble between the military and civil authorities. The governor had resigned and the courts had declared their inability to administer justice.

A revolution has also broken out in Tlascala and vicinity.

A revolution has also broken out in Nuevo Leon. Guiroga, with 1,200 well armed men, had pronounced in favor of Santa Anna.

It was reported that Gen. Corona would be appointed minister to Washington.

Gen. Canto had arrived at Darsuge.

## LEGISLATURES, ETC.

### WISCONSIN.

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 27.—The firm of Stanton, Livermore & Anthony were here, and held forth in the assembly chamber last evening, to a crowded house. Gov. Fairchild presided over the meeting. The strong-minded women brought out the crowd, but they made no legislative converts. Stanton was severe on Horace Greeley and Massachusetts Sumner; she gave them fits. Anthony was particularly vindictive on the sixteen Wisconsin state senators who yesterday voted against allowing women to vote at school district meetings. The trio left without any particular escort.

OHIO:

CINCINNATI, Feb. 28.—The report of the city civil engineer shows that during the fiscal year of 1868, closing to-day, there were 98 miles of gas-pipe laid and 13 miles of sewers. The city solicitor reports suits pending against the city, during the year, to recover \$130,000.

The auditor reports the present bonded debt of the city to be \$4,500,000; the value of the property owned by the city to be \$11,350,000—an excess above the debt of nearly \$7,000,000.

ARKANSAS:

MEMPHIS, Feb. 27.—The Avalanche's Little Rock special of this evening, says: "All the crew of the tug Rogers have been released, excepting Capt. Ford, and it is understood that a writ of habeas corpus has been applied for in his case. Gov. Clayton has instituted a libel in the United States district court against the tug for \$50,000 in a cause of collision, civil and maritime, and notice has been given to parties to appear here on the 5th of April to answer. The whole affair is kept very quiet."

MINNESOTA:

ST. PAUL, Minn., 27.—On the Pacific road, yesterday, between St. Anthony and Manomun, the train encountered a broken rail, throwing the baggage and smoking cars from the track, and piling them up in a heap down a slight embankment. No one was seriously injured.

St. Paul is but little excited over the efforts to remove the capital to Yandiyohi. It is generally regarded as a land speculation that will ultimately fail.

KENTUCKY:

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 27.—At Frankfort, Ky., the jury in the seduction case of Hancock against Wilheit returned a verdict this evening in favor of the plaintiff for \$5,000 damages, being the full amount claimed. This is the second trial, with the same result. John T. Scott, P. U. Major, and Gov. Craddock argued the case for the plaintiff; and Thomas N. Lindsay, and John Rodman, the attorney general, were counsel for the defendant.

QUINCY:

QUINCY, Ill., Feb. 28.—For the last three days ice-dealers have employed all the force possible, and have put up sufficient ice for two years' supply; therefore we have no fears about high prices next year.

Business of all kinds is exceedingly dull since navigation has closed the second time this winter. The river is running full of heavy ice, and some ten steamboats are now lying up in the bay, having been run in there to keep out of the heavy running ice.

MINNESOTA:

ST. PAUL, Minn., 27.—In the legislature, women's suffrage was finally killed to-day; also, the bill to tax railroads. Among the bills was one authorizing the consolidation of the Minnesota Valley and the Sioux City and St. Paul railroads, and another appropriating \$80,000 for the erection of a state reform school building.

KANSAS:

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 27.—The legislature ratified the constitutional amendment, being the first state on the record. The vote in the senate was unanimous, twenty-two senators being present. The vote in the house was sixty-four republicans for, and seven democrats against,—a strict party vote.

The house passed appropriating bills this morning to the amount of nearly \$250,000.

The governor approved the bill appropriating \$15,000 for the purchase of seed-wheat for gratuitous distribution among the destitute on the western frontier; also, the bill introduced by the Hon. John F. Wright, for the protection of the frontier. They are far the most important measures yet passed by the Kansas legislature; and, if fully carried out, that country will now rapidly settle up, and soon pay a large revenue to the state.

## MICHIGAN.

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 28.—The excursion of the legislature to Saginaw valley, and the asylum at Flint, passed off very pleasantly. All the leading towns on Saginaw river were visited, and at each point formal receptions took place, with collations and lunches.

Thursday night was spent at East Saginaw, and devoted to a grand banquet in Irving hall. On Friday, the excursion party, which was over 300 in number, proceeded to Midland, and then returned to Flint, where they spent the afternoon at the asylum for the deaf, dumb, and blind,—where the exercises were of a most interesting nature. In the evening a formal reception took place at Fenton hall, with speeches by Gov. Baldwin and others, and, afterward, a collation was served at the Irving house, followed by a hop.

MISSOURI:

ST. DOMINGO:

St. Domingo adives to the 20th inst. have been received.

The negotiation for a loan from British capitalists had proved a failure—the security offered not being satisfactory.

The question of annexation to the United States is exciting considerable interest.