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The Republican Parliament.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—About forty members of the National Republican Committee were present at the meeting held at the Arlington yesterday, including the subscriber, the member from Oregon. We regard it as a very high and noble position to be classed as a member of the Parliament of such a grand party as the republican party of the United States of America. Two delegates, Bowen and Purvis, appeared from the District of Columbia and after some discussion Purvis admitted. The committee then proceeded to the consideration of the question of representation in the next National convention, and the subcommittee, having the matter in charge, submitted two reports, the majority report being as follows: The Republican National convention of 1884 shall consist of four delegates at large, from each state, and two delegates from each congressional district, an additional delegate at large for each republican senator in the then existing or next preceding congress, and an additional district delegate for each republican representative in such congress; all to be chosen at popular conventions, in such manner as the republicans of each state may determine; provided the delegates from each congressional district shall be the choice of the republicans of that district in a convention held within the district for that purpose. The conventions within the states for the election of delegates to the National convention, shall be held at least one month before the time for the meeting of the National convention. Notices of contests may be given to the National committee accompanied by full printed statements of the grounds of contest, which shall also be made public, and preference in the order of hearing and determining contests shall be given by the convention according to the dates of the reception of such notices and statements by the National committee. Mr. Gorham presented a minority report embracing, substantially, rules under which delegates have heretofore been elected. Several amendments to the majority report were read and laid on the table for further consideration, and the discussion of the two reports developed the fact that no agreement could be reached without a severe struggle. As many of the members believe the question of too much importance to be decided, except by the full committee, Mr. Chandler disposed of the question for the present by the following resolution, which was adopted: Resolved, That in accordance with the order of the republican national convention of 1880, the call for the convention of 1884 shall provide for securing to the several congressional districts the right to elect their own delegates to such convention; that the details of the methods or rules to be included in such case shall be determined at a future meeting of the committee to be held within one year from this date, and that the whole subject be now referred to a committee of five, who shall make report at such meeting. In accordance with the above resolution, the chair appointed the following as said committee: Messrs. Chandler, Platt, Forbes, Martin and Filley. Mr. Chandler gave notice that he would offer the following resolution at the next meeting of the committee: Resolved, That all proxies must be residents of the state, territory or district, and no person shall cast more than one vote. After some further unimportant business, the committee adjourned without date. D. C. I.

Secretary Windom.

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WASHINGTON, March 7.—As it is well-nigh certain that the relation in value between gold and silver is speedily to be settled by an international agreement, to which the United States will be a party, it seems most idle for a few bigoted and inflammatory writers to go all over the silver debate again, especially when no conclusion can be reached beyond the reiteration of individual opinions. The shafts aimed at Secretary Windom in this connection have not wounded very deeply, and the journals which sent them at him are now prodigal in the space they are devoting to extracts from his speeches in the senate to convince their readers that they have been attacking him unjustly. How would it do for some of our great journals to abandon their oracular and Padsnappian habit? They would be less amusing, but more respectable. There is something so supremely ludicrous in their airy orders issued and rebukes administered to Presidents, Cabinets, and congresses. As the leader of a great orchestra by a wave of his baton stops this piccolo or subbass that trombone or stirs up the big bass-drum, so some great editor fancies he can by a wave of his hand or a stroke of his pen bring the unfortunate Cabinet Minister he did not help to make to a *diminuendo* between which and silence nothing is, while vigorously signaling his favorites in the government, he hopes to induce from them a *crescendo*, ending in one long *fortissimo*, which the world will regard as his own performance. D. C. I.

The accounts of Thomas L. James, late postmaster of New York city, was rendered to Sixth Auditor McGrew on the morning after Mr. James assumed the duties of postmaster-general. They were audited and adjusted within twenty-four hours after their receipt, and found to be correct to a cent. Mr. James ceased to be postmaster on the 6th, and became postmaster-general on the 7th. So he goes up higher now, with a clean record and no balances against him. This not only speaks well of his integrity and business ability, but the prompt settlement is highly creditable to the auditor. Hon. J. M. McGrew, the only bureau officer now in service, and it is said the only one ever in service; who has held all the grades from first class clerk to chief of the bureau. He has now been in the harness some twenty odd years, and has always been recognized as one of the most efficient and urbane of officials. There is no doubt of his retention in his present position, unless he is called up higher.

On the 14th of April last Carl Schurz, the then secretary of the interior, disbarred from practice before the department, Gen. Charles D. Gilmore, of the firm of Gilmore & Co., patent and claim attorneys. General Gilmore has now commenced suit against Mr. Schurz for \$200,000 damages resulting from this disbarment. It appears from the exhibits to be filed in this case that Gilmore & Co., at the time represented nearly forty-seven thousand claimants, over twenty-five thousand of whom were applicants for pensions, increase of pensions, or arrears of pensions. The fees due the firm are shown to be \$2,764,986, and this amount is claimed as damages by Gen. Gilmore. He claims that his clients have suffered in like proportion as himself, because of the fact that their business has been unnecessarily delayed by his unjust disbarment, without cause, and because of prejudice. This suit will be pressed to a judgment, and among the issues to be decided will be the question whether an executive officer has the right to disbar an attorney, and whether, if the right exists, one is liable in damages for its improper exercise. The question as to the liability of the government for the acts of one

of the heads of an executive department will also be probably raised. Gen. Gilmore claims that several hundred thousand dollars of his property has been virtually confiscated by the act of Mr. Schurz in his official capacity as secretary of the Interior, and that there must exist a remedy somewhere; that the disbarment was without cause he proposes to establish in the civil suit already commenced, and probably in a criminal action in the future.

Maine has exactly a dozen ex-governors living. Chamberlain, the Morrills, Washburn, and Hamlin are the most noted; Garcelon is the most notorious.

Secretary Blaine is fifty-one; Secretary Windom, fifty-four; Postmaster James, fifty; Attorney general MacVeagh, forty-eight; Secretary Kirkwood, sixty-eight; Secretary Robert T. Lincoln, thirty-seven; Secretary Hunt, fifty-two.

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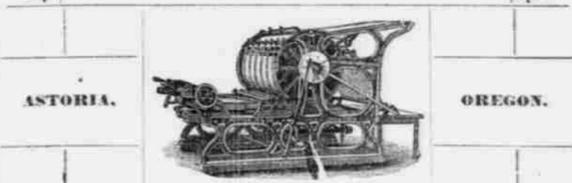
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