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INTERESTING FROM WASHINGTON.

The Departure of Sir William Gore Ouseley for Central America—The Treaties to be Negotiated—The President's Proscription of the Douglas Democrats—Vice-President Breckinridge's Letter, &c.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Oct. 22.

It is understood here that Sir WILLIAM GORE OUSELEY will leave for Central America to-morrow. The treaties he is instructed to negotiate, drafts of which have already been prepared, will be entirely satisfactory to our Government. It was desired that our treaty should be first concluded and ratified, in order that the English treaty might be made to harmonize with it, but as delay with us was inevitable, it was thought best for Sir WILLIAM to proceed with his mission, and secure by negotiation that stereotyped article in recent treaties—"All other privileges granted to the most favored nations." This would secure perfect equality, and any want of harmony can be afterwards corrected.

LORD NARRETH, who has returned in fine health from his Northern tour, will leave again to-morrow to attend the Richmond Fair.

Collector SCHILL has seized a large lot of French China, in consequence of its including a number of little China images pronounced indecent by the Collector. An appeal was taken to Secretary Cobb, who sustains the decision of Mr. SCHILL.

The dispatch announcing that Vice-President BRECKINRIDGE had written a letter urging DOUGLAS' re-election, has created great excitement here. Q.

[FROM ANOTHER CORRESPONDENT.]

WASHINGTON, Friday, Oct. 22.

New-York and Illinois politicians of weight have remonstrated with Mr. BUCHANAN in person against his proscription of the Douglas Democrats since the elections. The President is visibly shaken. The thirteen Illinois Postmasters dismissed on Monday last were insignificants, none of them receiving over four hundred dollars per year. Their cases were determined before the elections. Forty postmasters in all have been dismissed in Illinois. WENDELL has been always much opposed to the war on DOUGLAS, and the Union now holds its fire.

The Southern pressure against Secretary Cobb is strong. He is held responsible for the divisions in Illinois and Indiana.

The drafts issued each week are nearly three times as great as the weekly revenue.

The Attorney-General is examining the cases of several officers, which have been referred to him, and he will soon report in their favor. A.

[FROM THE REPORTER FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

WASHINGTON, Friday, Oct. 22.

The Secretary of the Navy has chartered of Captain TEMPLETON, of New-Orleans, for six months, the side-wheel steamer *Metacomet*, 395 tons burden, for the Paraguay Expedition—the owner to bear the risk of loss from Pensacola to Buenos Ayres, and from the latter to New-Orleans.

CHARLES H. BARRETT, who was to have been hanged to-day for murder, has been respited for two weeks by the President.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Oct. 22.

The Hon. J. GLANCY JONES arrived here this evening. He was received by his political friends, and made a speech. The assemblage was also addressed by Ex-Governors LANE and STEVENS, and by Messrs. RATCLIFFE and BERRET. The President subsequently was serenaded.

THE EXECUTION OF IRA STOUT.

Scenes and Incidents at the Gallows—His Petition to Gov. King for a Commutation, &c.

ROCHESTER, Friday, Oct. 22.

IRA STOUT suffered the full penalty of the law to-day. At 2½ o'clock, a procession headed by Deputy-Sheriff WARNER, reached the jail. The military were drawn up in lines, so as to open a passage to the jail. As soon as they had arrived and taken the places assigned them by the officers, the prisoner, IRA STOUT, was brought down from his room to the gallows. He was supported by Deputy-Sheriffs POND and MARRELL, and followed by his spiritual advisers, Messrs. HORTON, CURTIS, BOARDMAN, and others.

The prisoner was arrayed in a suit of black, and wore on his head a white cap. His step was tolerably firm, considering the fact that he had a spell of fainting about noon. On reaching the gallows he took a seat while Deputy Sheriff WARNER read the death warrant in a distinct and forcible manner.

At the conclusion of the reading, Mr. WARNER told the prisoner that the time had arrived to put the warrant into execution, and that if he had anything to say he had now an opportunity. Stout did not rise, but while seated, in a clear and firm voice said:

GENTLEMEN: I am of the opinion that there has been considerable vindictiveness in this matter, and where there is vindictiveness it is difficult to speak. I have left my oracle, which contains an expression of my feelings as a dying man, and that contains all I have to say.

The Rev. Mr. HORTON, then standing at the prisoner's right, said he would read the whole of the 15th chapter of 1st Corinthians at the request of the prisoner, and he read it—the prisoner, meanwhile, seated with his head supported by his right hand.

At the conclusion of the reading of Scripture, Mr. HORTON said he would address the Throne of Grace, hoping that the prisoner would find strength to follow in a short prayer.

Mr. HORTON then made an impressive prayer, which interested the audience, if it did not the prisoner.

The prayer concluded, Mr. HORTON conversed a moment inaudibly with STOUT, and then said that STOUT desired him to say he did not feel strength to pray, but heartily adopted the whole prayer he had just heard.

The Deputy Sheriffs, officers and friends then shook hands with the prisoner, and Deputy Sheriff WARNER put the rope about his neck and drew the cap over his face. While the officers were pinioning his arms, STOUT stood quite erect, and remained in that attitude to the last. He was quite firm in his demeanor, and gave the same complacent smile to all in bidding adieu that he gave at all times, when conversing, since his arrest.

All being ready and the spectators standing in breathless silence, at twenty minutes past 3 o'clock Sheriff BAUSCOCK pulled the fatal line and IRA STOUT was suspended three feet from the floor. Not a sound was heard in any direction, save the fall of the heavy weight, which did the fatal work.

The death of the ill-fated man was not as sudden as could be desired. His struggles for eight or ten minutes were severe, and caused the spectators to turn away in disgust. His neck was probably not dislocated and he died by a slow process of strangulation. Drs. HALL, AVERY, JAMES and MILLER stood near, and in eight minutes after the drop fell they said his pulse was as full as in life.

At the end of half an hour his body was cut down and placed in the coffin, preparatory to being taken to the residence of his mother on Exchange-street.

The following is the petition for a commutation of the sentence of death, presented to Governor KING in the handwriting of IRA STOUT:

To His Excellency John A. King, Governor of the State of New-York:

The undersigned, citizens of the county of Monroe and city of Rochester, respectfully request that your Excellency would be pleased to commute the sentence of IRA STOUT, now in confinement in Monroe County jail, to imprisonment in the State Prison for the period of his natural life.

The grounds of this application are as follows:

1. Assuming the guilt of the prisoner, of murder, the whole case showed that he had a terrible provocation in the desire to free his sister—the wife of the deceased—of a husband who united in his person all the bad qualities which could render a husband a curse. He was a tyrant, an adulterer, a debauchee, of the vilest character.

2. Whatever was the guilt of the prisoner, it is evident, from all the evidence in the case, that IRA STOUT and Mrs. LITTLE shared in the crime and are equally guilty. Indeed, it was the theory of the prosecution that Mrs. LITTLE and IRA STOUT contrived the plan to decoy LITTLE to the fatal spot and there kill him. Yet, upon this very same evidence, while IRA STOUT was convicted of murder, and is under sentence, to be hung on the 22d of October, Mrs. LITTLE was only convicted of manslaughter in the second degree, and sentenced to State Prison seven years. Certainly, justice demands that the one who was only an instrument to aid and assist the sister should not lose his life, while the principal escapes with comparatively a light punishment.

3. That IRA STOUT is guilty of the homicide is beyond all question; but there is great doubt from the evidence that he is guilty of premeditated homicide. The prosecution proved no antecedent menaces or threats, and no antecedent ill-will. On the contrary, it was shown, and uncontradicted, that STOUT frequently advised his sister to become reconciled with her husband.

band. No preparations for the crime were shown, no instrument proved, and the circumstances relied upon to show premeditation are all explained equally well by the hypothesis of a sudden affray. It is the settled conviction of many of the most intelligent and acute men in this community that the prosecution utterly failed to prove premeditation, and that in this respect the Jury were carried away by the overwhelming pressure of public opinion.

4. But granting the guilt of the prisoner of murder, his whole case shows him, in our opinion, to be a fit subject for the exercise of Executive clemency. His father was a professional criminal and early trained him wrong. While yet a mere boy, he was taken away by his father, to assist in a crime for which he suffered five years imprisonment in the Penitentiary of Philadelphia, although so young that he virtually acted under parental compulsion. He has fine talents, and if he had been early trained religiously or morally, would doubtless have made an ornament to society.

We think that justice will be done to him, and to society, by commuting his punishment to life imprisonment.

ROCHESTER, Friday, Sept. 30, 1858.

The petition is written in a bold, firm hand. There are some few things, such as capitals and punctuation misplaced, that evince a deficient education, but the spelling is nearly faultless. There were no signatures attached to the petition as received by Gov. KING, but it appears it was not the original paper, which was subsequently laid before the Governor by the mother of the prisoner, with a large number of signatures attached. Mrs. STOUT was in Albany up to a late hour on Wednesday night, hoping against hope for some change in the Governor's determination. Gov. KING was not in that city, but the poor woman awaited a telegraph from him with the most intense anxiety. She left for a final interview with her son, entirely broken down in spirit.

Mrs. STOUT appears quite a respectable woman, and is evidently the best of the unfortunate family.

Execution of Mrs. Twiggs at Danville, Pa.

DANVILLE, Friday, Oct. 22.

Mrs. TWIGGS was executed here, to-day, for the murder of her husband. P. CLARK, her paramour, was executed some time since. She protested her innocence on the scaffold, and her readiness to die, saying the only regrets she had was that she left behind her two orphan children.

Letter from Vice-President Breckinridge Urging the Re-election of Douglas.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Friday, Oct. 22.

Vice-President BRECKINRIDGE writes to the Hon. JOHN MOORE, Chairman of the Illinois Democratic State Committee, in reply to an invitation to visit Illinois and address the people, that the information of the Committee that he desired to do so is incorrect, but that he will not decline to answer their courteous letter. He says that he cannot indorse the course of Mr. DOUGLAS in the late session of Congress upon the Kansas question, but that the question being practically settled, and Mr. DOUGLAS being the leader of the Democracy of Illinois in their present fight against Black Republicanism, he sympathizes with him, desires his success, and trusts that the Democracy of that State, that has never given a sectional vote, will not be found now laggard in duty to the Constitution and the Union.

W. LEROY, the Administration candidate for Congress in the Third District, made a speech at Bloomington last night, withdrawing his name as a candidate, and advising his friends to support the regular Democratic nominees for Congress, State officers and representatives who will vote for DOUGLAS for United States Senator.

News from Kansas.

THE GOLD EXCITEMENT—THE SOUTH PLATTE MINES, &c.

St. Louis, Friday, Oct. 22.

We have Leavenworth dates of the 20th inst. A portion of the Lawrence Company had returned from the South Platte Mines, bringing news to Sept. 20. Their accounts fully authenticate the existence of gold all along the South Platte, having prospected everywhere with fair success. Most of the miners were seeking winter quarters at Bent's and St. Vrain's forts. The returned party designed wintering at Lawrence, where they were tendered a public reception. They will return to the mines in the Spring with a large outfit. Numbers continue to leave here with the intention of wintering along the road.

Major SIBLEY arrived yesterday from Utah, accompanied by Lieut. BELL, who was lost from his detachment in the Cheyenne country. Lieut. CUNNINGHAM, with a detachment of infantry, left yesterday for the Pawnee nation, to superintend the payment of the annuities to that tribe.

Later from Utah.

St. Louis, Friday, Oct. 22.

The Salt Lake mail with dates of the 25th September reached St. Joseph on the 16th. Sixty trains had passed Fort Bridger up to the 22d ult., twenty were met on the Sweetwater, and eight more north of the crossing of the Platte. Snow was encountered east of Fort Laramie. Two companies of cavalry, returning via Pike's Peak, were passed on the Big Blue, Judge ECKEL was met on the Big Sandy. Col. WILSON was at O'Fallon's Bluff, progressing finely. The Indians were numerous, but peaceable. It was thought that several trains would be overtaken by snow in the mountains, and much suffering was anticipated. Business was very brisk at Salt Lake. Trains were constantly arriving from California with goods and provisions. There was good feeling between the Mormons and Gentiles. The former speak in high terms of Governor CUMMINS. Gen. JOHNSTON's command consists of 7,000 to 8,000 men, including troops and employes, all of whom were consolidated in one grand encampment, and would remain together during the winter. There were also about 4,000 at Fort Bridger, under Col. CAMBERY. Col. MORRISON, of the Seventh Infantry, had arrived at Camp Floyd.

The Presbyterian Synod of New-York and New-Jersey.

NEWARK, N. J., Friday, Oct. 22.

The Presbyterian Synod of New-York and New-Jersey is in session at Orange. The Rev. O. M. JOHNSON was elected stated clerk in place of the Rev. JOHN LEWIS, resigned. Various reports pertaining to the records of several Presbyteries have been made and adopted.

The Publication Committee were heard through the Rev. Mr. DALLS, of Philadelphia, the Secretary. He stated that the Committee had bought a house for publication purposes in Philadelphia at a cost of \$50,000. This building was paid for, but the Committee had no funds to carry on their operations, and made an appeal to the Synod for assistance.

Reports from different Conventions were also made by the Rev. Drs. JEDD and J. FLEW SMITH.

Judge DENNISTON and Wm. E. DODGE were appointed a Committee to secure contributions for a church at Washingtonville, which was embarrassed from the efforts of the Old School Presbytery to obtain possession of the church edifice and the parsonage.

Important Legal Decision.

CINCINNATI, Friday, Oct. 22.

The United States Circuit Court, Judge McLEAN presiding, in the cases of Sturges vs. Stetson and Fosdyck vs. Sturges, Judge LEAVITT delivered an opinion that the Directors of the Hillsborough and Cincinnati Railway had no power under its charter to issue stock at a price below the par value; that a stockholder reselling stock thus issued, though the sale is valid, is not liable to the purchaser for any depreciation in the stock which such Company might suffer in consequence of such fraudulent issue by the Directors.

The Yellow Fever at Savannah.

SAVANNAH, Thursday, Oct. 21.

The deaths in this city yesterday were five, none of which were from yellow fever.

Yellow Fever at New-Orleans.

NEW-ORLEANS, Friday, Oct. 22.

The deaths in this city, yesterday, by yellow fever, were forty-one.

Burning of the Steamer Ben Franklin.

LOUISVILLE, Friday, Oct. 22.

The Memphis steamer *Ben Franklin* was burnt, yesterday, near Vicksburg, and is a total loss. No lives were lost.

Pennsylvania Politics.

The Hon. CAYLORD CHURCH, of Crawford, has been appointed Judge of the Supreme Court in place of Judge PORTER, resigned.

Captain Holmes found Guilty.

PORTLAND, Friday, Oct. 22.

The trial of JOHN A. HOLMES, late master of the ship *Theresa*, before the United States District Court, for the murder of Geo. W. CHADWICK, seaman, was finished to-day. The Jury rendering a verdict of guilty.