

OPENED BY ELECTRICITY.

THE WORLD'S EXPOSITION AT NEW ORLEANS.

President Arthur sets in going from the White House—Orange Trees Brought and Gardens Growing.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—There was considerable delay in the opening exercises at the New Orleans exposition to-day. A large crowd of distinguished people had gathered at the White house, and every arrangement was made for the president to open the exposition. The president took his station there, surrounded by the cabinet, for over half an hour before the signal that everything was in readiness was received. The Marine band was present and had exhausted the program of national airs for the occasion. The crowd became impatient and many of the people left the building. The signal was received at 2:30 o'clock, and in a few minutes the address of President Richardson of the exposition was received. President Arthur made an appropriate response.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 16.—The day of the inauguration of the exposition opened bright and cheerful and thousands of people made preparations early in the morning to witness the long-expected event. Public primary buildings along the principal streets were decorated. Along the street car routes vehicles from the north were established to find hundreds of oranges were being brought to the fair, and to see the bloom of orange and the rich green of the kitchen and flower gardens.

At 11 o'clock Gen. McHenry of Louisiana and Major Gen. Ginn commanding the 25th militia with staff, the mayor of New Orleans, the members of the state legislature, foreign consuls and guests assembled at the St. Charles hotel, whence a procession escorted by a battalion of the Washington artillery continued to the grounds. The French man-of-war Bouvetville lying in mid stream saluted the steamer on her approach, and then holding anchor steamed up the river to the grounds. As the boats approached the wharf at the exposition grounds the Washington artillery fired a salute of 100 guns. The guests proceeded to the spacious building where the inauguration ceremonies were carried out in accordance with the program.

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THE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Organization of the Oxford League—Dr. Rice's Death.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 16.—Rev. Dr. McAnnally, editor of the St. Louis Christian Advocate, presided over the centenary conference of methodists to-day. —

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—An entertainment was given to-night at Delmonico's by Messrs. Kildor & Moore, bankers of Wall street, to the members of the Dwight and Winona clubs of Canada. The special occasion was the arrival in America of Thos. A. Richardson of London, Eng., who, when the club was in Europe, was devoted to his attention to them.

NEWPORT, Ark., Dec. 16.—Five buildings, including the News printing office, were burned to-day. James Connor, proprietor of the News, and his wife, and another woman and child, name unknown, asleep in rooms over Wolf & Goldman's store, were burned to death.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16.—Royce & Rex, cloth dealers, have assigned. The firm was rated to be worth \$100,000.

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THE FUTURE OF CANADA.

Discussed at the Osgoode Library and Legal Society.

Arguments for Imperial Federation, Annexation and Independence.—The vote in favor of independence.

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LINCOLN TERRITORY.

Bill for the Admission of Dakota as a State of the Union.

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BOTH SIDES HEARD FROM.

The Differences in Cook's Church Fully Stated.

Before Commissioners from the Toronto Presbytery—Mr. Kirkpatrick Decides to Retain the Pastor.

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THE PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY AT HORTICULTURAL GARDENS.

The Philharmonic Society last night performed for the second time Sir Michael Costa's oratorio of Naaman in the pavilion at the gardens, the pavilion being well filled with an audience composed entirely of honorary members of the society.

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THE CHIEFTAIN IN TOWN.

ARRIVAL OF SIR JOHN MACDONALD LAST NIGHT.

Reception at North Toronto Station—Lady Macdonald in the Party—Opening of the Convention to-day.

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