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MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

If there is one thing more than another which recent events have shown to be imperative, it is a good incorporation bill. Whatever may have been the feelings of many of our citizens with regard to the necessity of full municipal machinery in Victoria there can be but one opinion on the question now.

There would have been no clashing of authority, and the people's wishes would have been effectively carried out. As it is our Council is as nearly as possible powerless, and the very censurable conduct of the Mayor has rendered it even more so.

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The condition of the blacks with a few exceptions, is represented as satisfactory. The worm continues its ravages in the in the cotton of the lower counties.

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TELEGRAPHIC

From the Oregonian.

THE FREEDMEN

The Herald's Washington correspondent says (Thomas, Assistant Commissioner of Freedmen in Mississippi writes under date Aug. 15th, that out of 34,600 Freedmen in the State, only 3,000 are subsisted by the Government.

A special dispatch to the Times says: We learn authoritatively that the financial condition of the government is easy and that the Secretary will be enabled to meet all demands with the means he has at command.

CUBAN NEWS

HAVANA, Aug. 11.—The steamer Little Hattie, formerly a blockade runner, will soon leave for Rio Janeiro under the command of Capt. Blanche, who commanded the notorious Denbigh.

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SAD STATE OF THINGS IN TEXAS

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 29.—Texas advices report the frontier in worse condition than ever before.

The Austin and San Antonio papers are filled with outrages by Indians and highway robberies. Steps will be taken by the military to afford protection to the frontier.

COMPLAINTS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

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Gov. Perry while at Washington, was given a list of the various vacant Federal offices in South Carolina and requested to nominate suitable persons to fill them.

LOUISIANA PLANTATIONS

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—A Baton Rouge correspondent says improved cotton and sugar lands in Louisiana can be purchased at very low prices, some plantations being entirely deserted by the original proprietors; others are so heavily mortgaged they have been abandoned, while others can be bought for the merest trifle on account of the people being so disgusted with the new state of affairs in the State.

Freedmen will work freely and industriously, but they are rather suspicious of the promises made by their former masters and are rather reluctant to enter into contract with them.

NASHVILLE, Aug. 20.—Hershell, Speaker of the House of Representatives has been invited to resign by a meeting of citizens of Knoxville, for his opposition to the Franchise Bill.

JEFF DAVIS, FORTHCOMING TRIAL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—The trial of Jeff Davis will take place before a United States Court, but what the particulars are has not yet been designated.

HARRISBURG, Pa., August 24.—The Democratic State Convention to-day nominated General W. H. H. Davis for Governor.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—New Orleans papers mention the sinking of the steamer Ida May, from Shreveport. The passengers were saved.

WASHINGTON, August 25.—Ex-Congressman George H. Yolan, of Kentucky, has been appointed Minister to Denmark.

NASHVILLE, Aug. 25.—A terrific accident occurred on the Tennessee and Alabama railway to-day. The passenger train for Huntsville this morning, ran off the long trestle work near Reynolds's station.

PARDON ASKED FOR JEFF DAVIS

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 25.—Dates from Jackson of the 24th says the ordinance proposing to submit the Constitutional Amendment to the people for ratification or rejection, was lost—5 to 44.

An eloquent appeal memorializing President Johnson to grant pardon in behalf of Jeff Davis and C. Clark late Governor of Mississippi, signed by over four thousand ladies, was read and approved.

GENERALS DISCHARGED FROM THE SERVICE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—By General Orders from the Adjutant General's office, the following Major Generals are honorably discharged: Banks, Casey, Heintzelman, Butterfield, Doubleday, Peck and Hartzuff; also, 35 Brevet Major Generals and Brigadiers.

REBEL GENERALS IN MEXICO

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—Brownsville, Texas, dates to the 8th states that an ex-rebel officer boasts that Sterling Price has been made a Major General of Maximilian's troops and was empowered to raise a cavalry force of 30,000 men from the disbanded rebel armies, also that several other rebel Generals have been commissioned by Maximilian, and it was intended to have a hundred thousand rebels in Max's service within a year to keep a watch on Sheridan on the Rio Grande.

It is reported that about a dozen deserters from the American army and navy, have been engaged in piratical operations on the coast of Honduras. Having murdered the crew of a small schooner they subsequently captured other vessels with it.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—The Postmaster General has made a contract for carrying the mails from Virginia City to Helena, Montana Territory, one hundred and fifty miles, three times or oftener per week.

The President has recognized A. D. Stutz Vice Consul of the Swiss Confederation at San Francisco for the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory.

Col. H. M. Evans has been appointed Chief Quartermaster of the Department of New Mexico.

REBEL CELEBRITIES

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—The Commercial's special says the President will probably order the release of Alexander H. Stephens.

Ex-Governor Brown, is in Washington on business connected with the reorganization of Georgia.

NEW YORK, Aug. 26th.—Edward B. Ketchum was arrested yesterday afternoon at his house on East Twentieth street.

He has not been out of the city. He had an interview with many of his friends, and with his father; with the latter a reconciliation was effected. He was also visited by his wife at the Station-house. He has been about the city frequently during the past fortnight, but has avoided his former friends. He had about fifty thousand dollars when he was arrested. As yet no complaint has been made against Ketchum. The creditors of Ketchum meet here next Monday to hear a statement of the financial conditions of that firm. The assessments are likely to reach 60 cents to the dollar.

REMOVED OFFICIAL CHANGES IN NEW YORK

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—A special to the Evening Post says: Preston King is in town. It is predicted by certain leading politicians from New York that other changes are about to take place. A change is anticipated in the Surveyorship, rotation being declared the policy of the President.

MORE REBEL DIGNITARIES

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—A Havana letter, dated Aug. 12, says Generals Preston and Walker left on the steamer Eden for England, intending to go thence to Halifax. Governor Moore will remain in Cuba until his fate is determined in Washington. Gen. Magruder is in the City of Mexico, ready to take employment if he can find it. Capt. Manry has found service with the Emperor as superintendent of the National Observatory, which is to be established, and Major Mordocai is Topographical and Civil Engineer. He will be associated for the present with Col. Talcott in charge of an important branch of the public railway service. Gen. Edmund Kirby Smith still remains here to communicate with his friends.

LATE EUROPEAN ITEMS

According to present arrangements, the French and English fleets will meet off Plymouth on the 17th July. After a stay of a week or ten days the French vessels will visit several of our principal ports, and the British squadron will proceed to the French ports.

The cricket match recently played in Paris was gained by the officers of the 73d, who went over, it will be remembered, to the French capital expressly to contend with the club there.

There will be no ministerial whitehat dinner at Greenwich this year, in consequence of the probable absence of many members of the government in the Lower House, the business of the session in the House of Commons being virtually over.

There is at present in the possession of Mr. Alexander Mitchell, Leith Walk, Edinburgh, a Dorking chicken with four legs, four wings and a double neck. The little monster was alive when hatched, but was accidentally killed soon afterwards.

A desperate encounter took place on the 23d at Preston between the police and a number of soldiers stationed at Fulwood Barracks. Weapons were used and considerable injuries sustained by several of the combatants.

France is suffering from an invasion of caterpillars, which have been very destructive this year to the forests, especially those in the neighborhood of Paris, while the beautiful walks in the Champs Elysees are full of them.

A theatrical house has been opened on the Boulevard at Paris, at which tickets for the various theatres may be bought according to the attraction of the pieces of the day, either at a premium or a discount.

A national Russian exhibition of industry has been opened in Moscow by priests and ministrants. There were no speeches, but a substantial luncheon after mass. The exhibition comprehends 15,000 articles.

The death of Mr. Thomas Pickford, her Majesty's consul at Paris since 1834, is announced in the French journals.

It is said that Prince Napoleon will soon proceed on a voyage of circumnavigation or discovery, which is likely to keep him away for a considerable period. He will be escorted by a body of savans.

The third and last of the series of ironclads which the Messrs Napier were commissioned to execute for the Turkish government was launched from the yard of that firm at Govan on the 26th.

The Queen's habits at Balmoral are producing some queer results. She has always given, there, a ball for her tenants and dependents, which is conducted on nearly the same principle as that of the dance at Beauséjour—no respect of persons, no difference between a lord and his retainers. And what the Queen, surrounded by her court, does, that also many of the great houses throughout the country will also do.

CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY, Sept. 4, 1865.

The Council met at 7:20 p. m. Present—Councillors Fell, Jeffery, Thorne, Carey, and Hibbard.

In the absence of the Mayor Councillor Fell was voted to be the Mayor.

ABSENCE OF THE MAYOR

A communication was read from the Mayor stating that he was not aware of any legitimate business for the Council to transact until after the injunction was disposed of, and that he should not therefore attend.

Mr. Carey expressed surprise at the communication which he thought partook of insolence, and it should not therefore be received.

Mr. Hibbard thought if the letter was received at all it should be with some mark of disapprobation. His Worship must have been aware that the question of the appointment of a solicitor was to come up before the Council, and when he stated that there was no legitimate business to be transacted he stated that which was not the case.

Mr. Thorne thought they had better send it back to the Mayor. (Laughter and applause.)

The Chairman thought that the letter should be received and any vote of censure or other action taken upon it could be entertained afterwards. He considered it the Mayor's duty to be present whether there was business to transact or not, and he was in favor of a strong vote of censure being passed. (Hear, hear.)

On motion of Mr. Carey the letter was passed over in silence.

A communication from Mr. W. B. Smith stating his inability to attend was received and placed on file.

QUADRA STREET

Mr. F. W. Green, City Surveyor, certified that he had run the level and established the grade on this street as instructed; bill enclosed for same amounting to \$30.

Mr. Carey disapproved of leaving the grading to the City Surveyor alone. His grade might be injurious to some of the applicants. A Committee should have been appointed to deal with the matter. On motion of Mr. Carey it was agreed that the communication be referred back to Mr. Green and a Committee of two appointed to confer with Mr. Green as to determining the grade. The expenses to be charged to the parties making the application.

The Chairman appointed Messrs. Carey and Thorne.

CORPORATION SOLICITOR

Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Thorne, that Mr. Henry C. Courtney be appointed solicitor to the Corporation.

Mr. Carey said he brought forward the resolutions after due deliberation of the committee with Mr. Ring. Mr. Courtney was a young man of good capacity, zeal and energy, and was heart and soul with the Council.

Mr. Thorne thought it time if the Council meant to do anything that they should go to work. Mr. Ring did not object to Mr. Courtney, and he (Mr. T.) was in favor of the appointment.

Mr. Carey offered a few comments on the appointment of Mr. Bishop by the Mayor, which he deemed irregular and without the sanction of the Council.

Some discussion took place between Mr. Carey and the Chairman relative to the mention of Mr. Bishop's name in the records. The Chairman thought the Council could not censure the Mayor for this matter as it had arisen through misapprehension.

Mr. Carey said that was all he wished to say. The Mayor in his anxiety to appoint Mr. Bishop had overlooked the fact that there was no authority for the appointment.

Mr. Thorne condemned the mode of procedure.

Mr. Jeffery—It was a misapprehension. Mr. Thorne did not choose to call it a misapprehension. A thing if not legal must be illegal. He wanted to know how these things found their way into the books, and were then taken out again. It was time the Council was more independent and more regular. He disapproved of the appointment of the Mayor's bosom friend to be at his beck and call.

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TELEGRAMS

Later East

NEW YORK, Aug. Richmond correspondent had called the Union had been for some time. All the short time ago, were Jeff Davis. The resignation at a large press and journals that secessionists were not oath of allegiance, rations utterly ground the warmest attach Government, acquiesced war, including abolition.

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