

TELEGRAPHIC SPARKLES.

THE LATEST NEWS FROM ALL PARTS BY WIRE AND CABLE.

The Tichbone claimant is to be released on a ticket-of-leave.

The English Court of Appeals has dissolved the injunction restraining the Telephone Company from erecting overhead wires.

The Harvard overseers have decided not to confer the degree of LL.D. on Governor Robinson.

The Dupont Powder Company has paid the Vulcan Powder Company \$75,000 to stop work for a year.

Four members of the Salvation Army were fined \$10 each or ten days imprisonment at London, Ont., Friday, for beating drums in the streets. They will appeal.

The Chilean Government has stopped further exports of guano from the Lobos Islands, 38,000 tons having already been shipped thence, and the balance belongs to Peru, according to the treaty of peace.

The following persons have been recognized by the President as Vice Consuls of Brazil: Charles S. Langdon, at Darien, Ga.; Barton Meyers, at Norfolk and Newport News, Va.; William H. Adams, at Savannah; Chas. F. Hutchet, at Charleston; Herman R. Baldwin, at Richmond; Augustus Barette, at St. Marys and Safflo, Ga.; S. G. Scaring, at Jacksonville, Cedar Key and Fernandina, Fla.

REFORMS FOR CUBA.

MADRID, June 13.—The economic crisis in Cuba was discussed at a council of Ministers held to-day, at which the king presided. The government proposes to adopt a series of reforms, including a reduction of the Cuban expenditures and the establishment of a coasting trade between Spain and Cuba.

BUSINESS FAILURES.

NEW YORK, June 13.—The business failures throughout the country for the week ending to-day, as reported to the Mercantile Agency of R. G. Dun & Co., number for the United States 303, and for Canada, 25; total, 328, as compared with a total of 215 last week, an increase of 113 failures. The casualties are light in New England and the Western States, but an increase is noted in the Middle, Southern and Pacific States and in Canada.

TILDEN'S REFUSAL ABSOLUTE.

ST. LOUIS, June 13.—The Republican of this city, referring to Tilden's letter, having interpreted it to mean that when Mr. Tilden is nominated he will not refuse to be the candidate of the Democracy, the Evening Chronicle telegraphed to Tilden asking him if that was the proper construction to be placed on the letter. The telegram was referred by Mr. Tilden to Daniel Manning, chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, and he to-day sent the following reply:

"Mr. Tilden's letter means what it says. His declination is absolute. Under no circumstance will he be a candidate. DANIEL MANNING."

If He Were Rich.

"I wish I was as rich as Vanderbilt," said a brakeman as he smouged an orange from the train boy and proceeded to pay for it in talk. "If I had that old duffer's money I'd have some rare sport I tell you."

"What would you do?" inquired the train boy as he removed the oranges from the brakeman's reach.

"Well, I'd take a piece of railroad where two down grades meet; then at the bottom of the two hills I'd put up a big grand stand and have lemonade, and beer, and lunch counters, and all that sort of thing. Then I'd invite all my friends to come there, and when they'd all get comfortably fixed I'd show them some sport as was sport. I'd put one locomotive at the top of the grade, two or three miles back, and the other on the other side, the same distance away, and then I'd have 'em both started with full steam and open both valves at the same time."

"You would want a double track, of course," said the train boy, "your idea being to see which would pass the grand stand first, and so make a race of it."

"Double track fiddlesticks!" exclaimed the brakeman. "One track, you simpleton. Don't you see the engines would run together right there in front of the people, and that collision would be one of the most magnificent spectacles ever witnessed by the human eye. But don't give it away, 'cause I'm going to copyright the idea and play it on shares with Barnum next year. The country will go wild over it. We'll have cheap locomotives made for our special use, of course, and carry our own track with us. Then we'll put an engineer on each engine, and they'll do the grand jump act just before the collision, having something soft to light on, of course. Oh, there's millions in it cully. Lend me a dollar to buy postage stamps to write to Barnum with, and I'll make you a present of the lemonade privilege first season."

Justice Stephen J. Field is a "hero" to Joaquin Miller, because he went to California in '49, "when the cowards did not start there and the weak died on the way."

GOV'R BLOXHAM SPEAKS!

HE REPLIES BY TELEGRAPH TO GOV. DREW'S CHARGES.

St. Clair-Abrams Interviews Him and Sends Us the Result by Wire—Drew Flatly Contradicted Damaging Charges Reported—More to Come.

Special dispatch to the Times-Union.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., June 12.—I have to-day had an interview with Gov. Bloxham, and learn from him that it will be impossible for him to have his statement in answer to the scandalous assertions of ex-Governor Drew ready for publication in time for your to-morrow's issue. Believing that the real purpose of the charges made by Drew was to make political capital with the conventions which meet on Saturday, I take the responsibility of telegraphing in advance what I understand to be the facts in the case.

Governor Bloxham was not aware, until the interview was published, that his relations with Governor Drew were other than cordial, as his correspondence with that gentleman and the social relations existing between the two families would fully indicate.

No such pledges as Drew claims were made by Governor Bloxham, ever were made. The statement of Drew, in these particulars, is a fabrication. Bloxham's first letter, in 1880, declaring himself not a candidate, was induced by the number of letters he received urging him to make the race. He had nothing whatever to do with Captain Dyke's action, urging his nomination; but, on the contrary, repeatedly protested against it. In the interview between Gov. Bloxham and Drew, in the Secretary of State's office, Bloxham never pledged himself not to be a candidate.

As showing the falsehood and duplicity of Drew in this charge, the fact was that in that interview Governor Bloxham proposed to Drew that both retire from the contest and unite in using their influence in securing the nomination of General Finley. This proposition was made by Bloxham, after a consultation with Drew, in which the hopelessness of Drew's nomination was discussed. Bloxham offered to sacrifice himself. Drew partially assented to the proposition and agreed to telegraph Bloxham from Jacksonville if he determined on taking this course, after consultation with some of his friends.

The interview in Jacksonville referred to in Drew's interview was the result of a telegram received from Drew by Bloxham, requesting his presence in Jacksonville. Bloxham went there supposing that his suggestion had been accepted. Only P. P. Bishop and Drew were present at the interview. Neither Gen. Finley or Captain Inglis were at the time present. P. P. Bishop proposed that Bloxham withdraw and leave the field open to Drew.

Governor Bloxham never promised to publish any letter in the Union withdrawing from the canvass. He never promised to write a letter and place it in Raney's hands for any purpose, as Raney was at that time a warm supporter of Drew and a strong opponent of his. Drew's statements in this regard are utterly untrue.

On this visit to Jacksonville, and after this interview, two prominent citizens of Jacksonville informed Gov. Bloxham that Drew had declared that he would not support him if he was nominated. Bloxham investigated the matter, and found that the report was true. He, therefore, determined to leave the canvass in the hands of his friends, and to abide their decision. They insisted upon his remaining in the field and his nomination was the result.

The Governor's denial of the scandal of Drew will be sweeping and unqualified.

And now, since Governor Drew has seen fit to inaugurate a campaign of personal detraction, I think it might be best for him to explain to the people whose suffrages he is seeking why the indemnity certificates for some 18,000 acres of land, issued to the state of Florida, were withheld by him or his friends for many months from the Land Office, where they properly belonged, until a few hours before he retired from the gubernatorial chair, when he delivered them to the Land Office, and a few days later purchased the greater part, or all of them. When Governor Drew can explain this disgraceful transaction, which is a matter of record, I propose to get him to explain other transactions, which equally demonstrate his unfitness for the office to which he aspires.

ALEX. ST. CLAIR-ABRAMS.

A Dangerous Charger.

"That seems to be an interesting horse you are driving," remarked a gentleman, as he accepted an invitation to ride.

"Yes," was the reply; "he has some excellent points, but at times he is very freakish. He possesses a fine appearance and good action, is mettlesome to a high degree, and—"

Just here the animal shied, kicked a hole through the dashboard, and backed the buggy into the gutter, and the more the driver shouted "Whoa, Jimblaine!" the more Jimblaine wouldn't whoa.

THE STATE CAMPAIGN.

COLUMBIA STAR.—Governor Drew informed a Times-Union reporter that he would not support Bloxham if nominated. Is this Democracy?

The Gainesville Bee thus heads the Drew interview:—"The big fish at war. Either a Governor or an ex-Governor has lied. A disgusting war of words between Drew and Bloxham that will end at the canon's mouth or will be settled by a game of 'mumble peg.'"

The Jacksonville Times-Union.—Gov. Bloxham has already said that he would not accept a re-nomination, and he has only to repeat the declaration. Governor Drew could hardly refuse to follow an example that would be warmly approved by his entire party.

Jacksonville Herald.—With the largest concessions to Governor Bloxham and ex-Governor Drew: conceding the brilliant era of development that has been a part of the present administration, and with the profoundest recognition of Gov. Drew's splendid service in redeeming the state and ruling it wisely, we are constrained to say, strongly and emphatically, that, in this critical time, the preservation of our state government to the clean hands and interested care of its honest and permanent citizens, is an issue that outweighs the claims of fifty Bloxhams or fifty Drews, and the merits of fifty administrations even so popular as theirs.

HOIST BY HIS OWN PETARD.

A Story About a Joker who Served as an Illustration of his Own Chestnut.

From the Lincoln Journal.

A few minutes after rolling out of Tecumseh for Nebraska City, the other day, Conductor Lee stepped into the car to work up his tickets. The first man he met was bound for Atchison, and the obliging conductor pulled the cord, stopped the train and gave the estrayed passenger directions how to take a short cut back to the depot. Lee started ahead, and as he had a ten-mile run to the first station, he worked his way through the car quite leisurely. As he passed the last seat a brisk-looking gentleman asked: "What did you put that man off for? Was he trying to beat a ride?"

"Oh, no," said Lee; "he was on the wrong train, and I let him off to go back to the depot."

The traveler laughed long and merrily. "Well," said he, "I'll be blowed! if he hasn't sense enough to keep on the right train, he ought to stay at home and have a guardian appointed."

And the merry man joked on the subject, and told a story quite in point so well that the conductor, and several passengers who gathered around to listen, were convulsed with amusement. At last he drew out his little mileage book, and, extending it with the careless grace that characterizes the accomplished traveler, he remarked:

"Just tear me out to Atchison." A hush fell upon the crowd, so deep and still that the puffing of the engine sounded like the heaving of a volcano, and the only thing that saved the veteran traveler from the expenditure of \$3.20 was the absence of a counter where the beer could be set up.

The great dancer Taglioni has left memoirs said to contain curious revelations of the life of the Berlin, Vienna, and Paris aristocracy of forty years ago, and concerning the Belgian court.

State of Florida, County Court for Putnam County.

In the matter of the estate of Frederick D. Lentz, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the county court of Putnam county, Florida, administrator of the estate of Frederick D. Lentz, deceased. All persons having any demands against the estate of said deceased are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned, within the time prescribed by law or this notice will be pleaded in bar.

WILLIAM KEMBLE LENTZ, Administrator of the Estate of Frederick D. Lentz, deceased, Palatka, Florida.

NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS.

THE UNDERSIGNED WILL BE AT PALATKA Election District, No. 8, on Monday, May 5th, and remain during the week ending on Saturday the 10th, for the purpose of assessing the State and County Tax for the year A. D. 1884. All tax payers wishing tax blanks will please call at either the office of clerk of Circuit Court or Tax Collector, where they will find them. J. W. WOODS, Tax Assessor Putnam County.

The Changes in the Election Districts of Putnam County.

In accordance with the statute in such case made and provided the changes in the boundaries of the election districts of Putnam County Florida are hereby made matters of public notice, at the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for said county, on January 5, 1883, in compliance with a petition to such effect.

On motion ordered, That the north half of section 2, township 12, south of range 27, east of the meridian, within the boundary lines of election district No. 5, as heretofore laid out with voting place or precinct, at C. T. Potter's store.

In compliance with a petition from the citizens in the vicinity of and living at Buffalo Bluff, asking to be annexed to election district No. 8, on motion it was ordered that election district No. 8, be bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the Oklawaha and the St. John's River, thence following the Oklawaha River to the line between township 11, range 25, and 11 range 26 S. & E. Thence running north to Rice Creek; thence following Rice Creek to the St. John's River; thence southerly along the western bank of said river to a point directly west of the mouth of Dunn's Creek; thence east across said river to the mouth of said creek; thence to the west bank of said creek where it crosses the township line, thence west in a direct line to the west bank of the St. John's River, thence southerly along said west bank to place of beginning, with voting place or precinct at Palatka.

On motion it was ordered that that portion of election district No. 15 lying south of the present northern line of Putnam county, and west of Jim's Creek, be annexed to and made a part of election district No. 14.

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