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NATIONAL AFFAIRS.

A Mailing-Clerk in the Chattanooga Postoffice is Awarded the Postmastership.

L. C. Moore, a Colored Ex-Member of the Mississippi Legislature, Receives a Berth Under Lamar.

How President Cleveland Courts the Views of Business Men in Making Appointments.

AN OLD SERVANT DEAD.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Dr. Chas. F. Schmidt, a clerk in the fifth auditor's office of the treasury, died yesterday at the age of eighty. He had been in the department between twenty and thirty years and was a personal friend of Secretary Chase.

GROVER'S POLICY DEFINED.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—The appointment of G. N. Martin as postmaster at Chattanooga, Tenn., which was announced to-day, is likely to create a great stir in Tennessee. It illustrates the method of the president in making his appointments. Martin was the mailing-clerk in the office, and while a consistent Democrat, had been retained by the Republican postmaster because he was a faithful and efficient official. There was a large number of candidates for the postmastership who were backed by numerous recommendations. Senator Jackson endorsed one man and Senator Harris and the congressman from the district united on another man. The contest was a very lively one, but the president passed over all the prominent candidates and selected this man, who had not appeared in the contest at all except by the filing of a simple application for the place.

A COLORED MISSISSIPPIAN GIVEN A PLACE.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—L. C. Moore, formerly of the Mississippi legislature from Issaquena county, has been appointed messenger in the secretary's office in the interior department. He was appointed on the recommendation of Senator Walthall and was endorsed by the congressman from the district. Moore acted with the Democrats in every contest. When Senator George was elected he continued to vote for Mr. Walthall, even after his name was withdrawn.

HOW GROVER'S APPOINTMENTS ARE MADE.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—The president's habit of seeking information with regard to public affairs from other than the customary official sources has already become a matter of considerable comment. Recently a prominent business man in one of the Middle States, whose name is entirely unknown in politics, became personally interested in the proposed transfer of an official from one post to another and wrote the president, giving his reasons in a business-man's way for opposing the change, which reasons were chiefly personal to the official, the order for whose transfer had already been issued. The president wrote in reply that he appreciated the validity of the reasons which had been given him and would countermand the order for the transfer. He also expressed a wish to meet his correspondent whenever the latter should find himself in Washington. A brief, friendly correspondence grew out of the episode, and the gentleman, who had business at the capital on a recent Saturday, called at the White House. Although the new custom excludes visitors on that day, the caller was cordially greeted. The president sat for an hour conversing with him, and spoke freely upon many general matters of public policy. He expressed a determination to have none but good men in office and said, with some emphasis, that when a politician deceived him in making a recommendation for an office, that would end that man's influence with him.

Among the topics referred to more particularly was the selection of Collector Heddon for the port of New York. The president is reported to have said that this was not made in compliance with the suggestion of any politician or any political organization, but solely with a view to meeting as far as possible the views of the business men. To ascertain what these views were he (the president) had first set on foot a private inquiry among the business men to see whom they would like to have in this place. In this way Heddon's name was brought to the president's attention and thereafter the inquiry was pursued more definitely to ascertain if his appointment would be acceptable. The result was strongly affirmative and the appointment followed at the proper time. The president said he was giving personal attention to the matter of appointments, and that the personal fitness of the applicant for the office sought was the first question considered.

The National Cotton Exchange. WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, GREEN-BRIER COUNTY, W. VA., July 15.—The ninth biennial convention of the National Cotton Exchange of America met to-day. W. H. Gardner of Mobile, Ala., president, called the convention to order. H. Heitz of New York, vice-president, and C. H. Parker of New Orleans, secretary, were present. Six local exchanges were represented. At

the opening the president read an address congratulating the convention on the fruits of the national exchange in developing the general and local interests of the members and manufacturers, and furnishing statistical information. The address also recommended an expression of the views of the body as to the basis of values and the continued coinage of silver. There are present so far thirty members.

A Stockman Shot.

COLORADO, TEX., July 15.—J. B. Hiler, a citizen of this place, also a prominent stockman, was shot through the thigh by Sheriff Ray of Midland county this morning.

THE EL PASO AFFAIR.

Col. Britton on the Scene—The Court House to be Finished at Once.

EL PASO, TEX., July 15.—Col. J. H. Britton of Dallas, of the firm of Britton & Long, court-house contractors, arrived this morning and several hundred citizens have called on him and tendered him assurance of their confidence in his honor and integrity. Col. Britton & Long and will endeavor to-morrow to arrange with the commissioners' court which meets to consider the question of the completion of the court-house.

A large force is at work on the building, and Col. Britton says if the arrangement is made which he desires the structure will be finished in six weeks.

Notwithstanding the disclosures already made, John Long has quite a number of friends who boldly assert his innocence.

AMERICAN HEBREWS.

Closing Session of the Union Conference.

ST. LOUIS, MO., July 15.—The second day's session of the council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations met again this morning. The opening prayer was delivered by Rabbi Joseph Schwab of St. Joseph, Mo.

The report of the committee on synods stated that it was contrary to the constitution to create an ecclesiastical body.

The committee on Sabbath-schools recommended the organization of a Sabbath-school union as soon as twenty congregations assented to the proposition.

The committee reports on civil and religious rights, on correspondence, on accounts, on a Hebrew union college, and on finances, the latter recommending an appropriation of \$16,250, less the unexpended balance of \$3,474 81, were read and adopted. Adjourned.

NIAGARA FALLS.

The Park on the American Side Presented to the Empire State.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., July 15.—The day opened beautifully and everything indicated that the ceremonies this afternoon would be concluded successfully, but the rain spoiled the hopes. The city was crowded and all the incoming trains were filled with people from New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Canada. The exercises of the day were begun with the firing of one hundred guns at sunrise this morning. Hon. Crastus G. Brooks presided over the exercises. The ceremonies were simple but significant. All the business houses of the city were decorated and the streets presented a gorgeous appearance.

At an informal meeting of the commission held at the Cataract house this morning the following dispatch was read:

LONDON, ENGLAND, July 14, 1885.
"To the Representatives of the State of New York at Niagara Falls:

"The Commissioners' Reservation society congratulates the state of New York on securing Niagara Falls to the public."

Notwithstanding the rain the committee of arrangements decided that the ceremonies should not be postponed and accordingly the speakers and as many as possible of the visitors assembled under the roof of the pavilion, and at the appointed time Bishop Cox commenced the proceedings with prayer. Mr. Dorsheimer then read a letter from the governor-general of Canada expressing his regrets at not being able to be present.

Ex-Lieut.-Gov. Dorsheimer, president of the commission, then made the presentation address, after which Gov. Hill accepted the reservation on behalf of the people of the state of New York. There were about twenty-five thousand people in the park in which the pavilion had been erected.

Ex-Gov. Tilden sent a telegram to the commissioners, expressing his regret at not being able to attend.

The following telegram was also received:

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 15.
"To J. B. DeLano, Esq., Chairman, etc."

"DEAR SIR—Your invitation in behalf of the citizens of Niagara Falls to attend the opening of state reservation at that place on the 15th inst., is at hand, and I should be glad to be present upon the interesting occasion, but regret to say that official duties will deny this pleasure to me. With thanks to the citizens of Niagara Falls for the cordiality of their invitation and the tender of their hospitality, I am yours, very truly,
"GROVER CLEVELAND."

Addresses were made by distinguished personages, including Lieut.-Gov. Robinson of Canada and Atty.-Gen. Mowatt. After the singing of the hymn "America" and the "Doxology" the exercises were closed with the benediction by Bishop Cox.

A TEXAS POOL.

The Representatives of the Railway Interests of the Southwest Meet in Convention.

Object of Meeting to Carry Out Arrangements Perfected for a General Pooling of Business.

A Five or Ten Years' Pool to be Made—Only Preliminary Business Transacted Yesterday.

GALVESTON, TEX., July 15.—A railroad conference of much importance to Texas, Louisiana and the Southwest convened in this city to-day. All the Texas roads are represented. The object of the conference is to carry out an agreement signed in New York about the 27th of June last between Mr. Jay Gould, representing the Missouri Pacific railroad; C. P. Huntington, representing the Southern Pacific; George Sealy, representing the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe system, and B. G. Clarke, receiver of the Houston & Texas Central.

These gentlemen at New York agreed upon a general pool of all business for the period of five or ten years, said roads to work offensive and defensive with each other.

The present conference is for the purpose of arriving at a basis for this general pool previously agreed upon. The following gentlemen are in attendance at the conference:

Vice-President H. M. Hoxie and Master of Transportation W. H. Newman of the Missouri Pacific.

General Manager A. C. Hutchinson, Traffic Manager J. G. Schriever and General Freight Agent C. C. Gibbs of the Southern Pacific company.

President George Sealey and General Manager Webster Saylor of the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe road.

Receiver Dillingham, General Manager Waldo, General Freight Agent Ripley and General Passenger Agent Faulkner, representing the Houston & Texas Central road.

The Texas & St. Louis Narrow-Gauge system is represented by Treasurer L. B. Fish and General Freight Agent Dodge, who are acting for their receiver.

The meeting to-day was merely preliminary. No business was transacted beyond the perfecting of an organization and appointing various committees. President Sealey of the Santa Fe was chosen chairman of the conference. It is believed the conference will continue several days, although a number of the committees are expected to report to-morrow. The indications point to the harmonious consummation of the object of the meeting, some contention is likely to ensue in the matter of fixing the percentage in the pool, but all the members express belief that such percentage will be finally arranged, as all the roads are suffering terribly from the present traffic rates.

The agreement signed at New York previously mentioned provided further that if the percentages in the pool are not otherwise agreed upon they shall be arbitrated and a joint pool commission shall be selected to make rates and monthly settlements. It will be seen, therefore, that if the present conference of managers fails to agree upon a basis to pool the business, recourse to arbitration may be had, but none of the leading members of the conference express the belief that arbitration will be necessary.

Election at Big Spring.

BIG SPRING, TEX., July 15.—In the election to-day for city officers G. W. Walthall was elected mayor.

The Citizens' ticket was elected over the Independent ticket. To-night the citizens celebrated by a grand ball at the court-house.

STRANGLED TO DEATH.

Confederate of Berner, the Cause of the Cincinnati Riot, Hanged.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, July 14.—The execution of Joseph Palmer, colored, this morning is the last that can take place in this county under the present law which designates the Ohio penitentiary as the place for all future executions.

Palmer's crime was the murder of William H. Kirk in his stable on the afternoon of December 24, 1883. The object of the crime was robbery. William Berner and Palmer, both of whom had been employed by Kirk, planned and executed the murder. They were almost immediately arrested, and both confessed, each charging the other with having struck the fatal blow. There was a verdict in Berner's case of manslaughter. That verdict was the chief incident of the riot in which the court-house was burned in March, 1884. Berner is now in the Ohio penitentiary, serving out his sentence of twenty years. Palmer had been unusually stoical, though he had recently perverted the ministrations of a Catholic priest.

The execution was private in the jail-yard, the scaffold being shielded from view by a stone wall and large awning. Promptly at 10 o'clock the condemned man was led to the gallows, where a short prayer was said by the priest. Palmer said nothing. The deputy sheriffs were so excited that they could scarcely hold the rope. At two minutes of 10 o'clock the drop fell, but Palmer was such a powerful young fellow that his neck was not broken. He writhed fearfully, and at the end of twenty-six minutes the sheriff announced the execution over, but the body was not cut down till some time later.