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TIME TABLE.

Table with 2 columns: Direction and Time. Includes S. C. & T. M. RAILROAD and N. P. Railroad, main line—Passenger trains.

Cur Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11. If the reader has ever witnessed the novel spectacle of two railway trains headed in opposite directions, and determined to solve the impossible problem of passing each other on the same track, he will have a clear idea of the present position of the factions of the majority in Congress.

Mounted on the latter, as engineer, is that wild, horizontal free-trader, Mr. Morrison, of Illinois, at the head of the Committee of Ways and Means, assisted by the child-like Bland, the father of the almighty silver dollar, and the untamed Scotchman, Beck, as firmen and assistants. In the cab of the other sits the irrepressible Randall, at the head of appropriations, the greatest apostle of protectionism in the country.

But if the hostile alignments above noted are grotesque and astonishing, what must the country think of the head of the foreign affairs, the young scion of the aristocratic house of Belmont, and the representative in America of the Rothschilds, the monarch kings of Europe, the prop and support of all the tyrannies and rotten monarchies of the Old World.

Mr. Enstis, of Louisiana, threw another bombshell into administration circles on Friday, introducing a resolution in the Senate to the effect that the ten million bonds to be paid in February be paid in silver, which the resolution claims will be in strict compliance with the law.

The Senate celebrated St. Jackson's day by the triumphant passing of Mr. Edmunds' new and stringent anti-polygamy bill, anti-woman suffrage clause and all, 55 yeas to 7 nays,

the latter including Senator Hoar, because, as he explained, it disfranchised the women of Utah. The bill passed as it came from the Committee, and is most sweeping and severe in its provisions, practically putting the entire control and legislation of the territory under direct national supervision, and if enforced must end polygamy.

Since the announcement of the standing committees there is a good deal of "seasickness" among the statemen of the Democratic ship, many failing to get what they wanted, conspicuous among them being the great Iowa Greenback champion, Gen. Weaver, who expected to be put at the head of the Labor Committee, as a reward, not so much for his honey-handed toil as for his efforts to restate the Rothschilds party in power.

A glance at the heads of the committees will convince the most incredulous, not only that the most ultra wing of the majority is put to the front, but also that the gentlemen who not long ago wanted to destroy the Union, are again wielding the power. Out of the forty-eight chairmen the solid South gets twenty-nine. With such men as Aiken, of South Carolina, at the head of the Educational Committee, Turner, of Georgia, on Elections, Cox, of North Carolina, on reform in the civil service, etc., great advance, purity and a fair count may confidently be predicted.

Some of the big men of Dakota have arrived in town, representing that embryo state, including Gov. Mellette, Edgerton and Moody, the embryo United States Senators, and others, bent on getting as nearly into the Union as possible, the prospect of which is so much improved. One of the party, Mr. J. H. Drake, a journalist of Aberdeen was unavoidably detained at Chicago by a trilling incident trumped up, by some old enemy, with which a deputy sheriff had something to do, but came along all right on the following train.

A circular regarding taking testimony in final proof cases, issued by Com. Sparks, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, has been received by all officers entitled to take such testimony. The officers are compelled to cross examine witnesses and claimants, in the most rigid manner.

One party has been sent from the Bismarck region to Detroit, Mich., for a year and five months for perjury in proving up on a claim, and another has been convicted at Pierre of "making false statements concerning land." There are several others suspected of wandering a little from strict veracity in land matters.—Fargo Star.

Cures of sciatica are reported having taken place in Paris after a single application of Dr. Debove's method of freezing the skin above the painful parts with a spray of chloroform. The application is said to be applicable also to facial neuralgia.

The proper division of Dakota should not be compromised for political considerations. It would be better for Dakota to bide her time than to consent to mutilation upon Democratic demand.—Rochester (N. Y.) Democrat.

John Sherman has been re-elected U. S. senator from Ohio.

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The Fargo Convention.

The Fargo convention effected a temporary organization, Tuesday, and adjourned until 10 a. m., Wednesday, at which hour Temporary Chairman W. M. Potter called the body to order. Quite a number of delegates arrived Tuesday night, and with spectators present there was quite a respectable body. The committee on permanent organization reported as follows:

For chairman—R. E. Wallace, of Stutsman. Vice Presidents—J. P. Bray, of Grand Forks; W. H. White, of Ransom; Martin Ryan, of Cass; G. M. Wing, of Barnes; H. D. Fruit, of Nelson.

Secretary—Henry Dickey, of Dickey. Assistant secretaries—E. I. Smith, of Traill; G. S. Montgomery, of Sargent. Some of the delegates opposed Mr. Wallace as chairman, but the report was finally adopted, and Mr. Wallace took the chair, and desired to know the pleasure of the convention.

The committee on program recommended the following subjects be considered, in order named: First—Waterways.

Second—Commissioner Sparks decisions. Third—Traill county case.

Fourth—Red Lake Indian reservation. Fifth—Division and admission of the territory.

A. C. Jordan of the Republican, and Mr. White, of Ransom, submitted a minority report, in substance, objecting to making the prime object of the convention, (admission and division) the last thing to be considered; but it was voted down, and the majority report adopted.

The following resolutions were presented, and referred to the proper committees:

Two by Mr. Connelia, of McLean—one relating to the disposition of the school lands; and the other favoring the policy of Sparks, and the present administration, in relation to government lands.

One by McLean, of Steele, favoring division on the Missouri river.

One by Stevens, of Cavalier, condemning the appointment of a commissioner of immigration.

PAYING THE FIDDLER.

Col. Plummer asked that a committee be appointed to audit the certified expenses of each delegate to the convention, that the same might be presented to the next legislature with a request for payment by appropriation out of moneys in the territorial treasury.

The chair then announced the following committees:

Waterways—Bennett of Grant; Jordan of Cass; McHench of Cass; Gill of Cass; Griggs of Grand Forks; McKelvey of Grand Forks; Potter of LaMoore.

Land office decisions—Walhof of Grand Forks; Barret of Brown; Reeves of Traill; Adams of Griggs; Beardsley of McHenry; Conson of Dickey; Beladeau of Wells.

Traill county case—Wells of Stutsman; Bell of Pembina; Fleming of Cass; Root of Barnes; White of Ransom; Potter of LaMoore.

Division and admission—McLean of Steele; Ellsworth of Sargent; Plummer of Traill; Bartholomew of LaMoore; Roberts of Cass; White of Stutsman; Walsh of Grand Forks.

The following resolution was then offered and referred:

Resolved, That taking into consideration all the attending circumstances, it is the conviction of this convention that all efforts, in the near future, made by the people of this territory on the question of admission, be made for admission without division.

Adjourned till Thursday morning.

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