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SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD.

It was announced some days ago that a compromise had been finally effected between the old and new companies of the Southern Pacific Railroad, and that hereafter all conflicting claims and litigation would cease. This gratifying intelligence is confirmed by the Marshall papers. The Harrison *Flag* of the 15th contains the particulars of a public meeting held by the inhabitants of the county on the 13th, for the purpose of expressing their appreciation of the compromise. Although the *Flag* fails to state in express terms the conditions of the agreement between the late contestants, the report of the committee appointed to draft a preamble and resolutions gives us an idea of the matter. After reviewing the past history of the Southern Pacific Railroad enterprise, and commenting in terms of just censure upon its unsatisfactory and profligate management, the report says: "Within the last ten days, however, a salutary change has occurred in the affairs of the company, which once more revives the hopes of its friends. Conflicting interests have been compromised upon a basis which will secure harmony and concert of co-operation in the construction of the road, and a new policy we understand has been inaugurated whereby the stock of the company has been divided down to the cash value of the property, the salaries and expenses of the company have been reduced from upwards of $60 000 to about $12 000, so we also understand, and such safeguards thrown around the company as will prevent a recurrence of past mismanagement. This compromise, therefore, we have reason to hope, will result in the payment of the debts and the prosecution of the work upon a scale commensurate with the magnificence of the enterprise."

The following resolutions evince the warm interest felt in the undertaking by the citizens of Texas:

Resolved, That the compromise of the suit lately pending between the Southern Pacific Railroad Company and the purchasers under the deed of trust as set forth in said suit with the support consequent to the same, be and is hereby credited to the company, to the people of Harrison county, of the State and of the Union.

Resolved, That while we may have been the ere-cated movers and agitators of this enterprise, it has since assumed that position in public opinion that it would be useless to attempt to oppose it. Through its means a survey has been made to the Pacific, demonstrating the superiority of this route over all others. It has established beyond controversy miles of railroad in Texas, and saved the valuable charter of the road, granted by the State and to the people, from sacrifice to the sale and to the speculator, a large body of stockholders have been created in the State and Union in the Pacific counties, composed of men of enterprise, talent, wealth and influence, thereby giving this company a commanding position, and through whose influence we have been presented with assurances that there are at present no more obstacles to be encountered.

Resolved, That the citizens and businesses men of this county are most cordially invited to unite with the agents and employees of the company, and not to the interests and credit of the road, but to the honor and welfare of the State and county. Should any such assistance that they can to us upon such terms as to hold Secretary of the Navy, and that they have such a right to expect from the administration of the government of the laws.

Resolved, That it is our intention to treat with the people of the State of Texas in all our relations as complete equals in point of right, and that it ought to be our pride to cherish the kind and encouragement of the people of the United States.

Resolved, That the friends of this enterprise in certain interior counties are encouraged in the confidence of success that will ere long result in the completion of the road, and the manifest benefits to citizens accruing to it, and never perfect realization for the future we predicted in the early days of the enterprise.

Resolved, That a memorial to the Pacific railroad companies in the public opinion of the country, and of the Congress thereof, be and is hereby appointed a committee to wait upon the Legislature and ask of it such legislation that called for in the premises as may be necessary to secure the early completion of the road.

Resolved, That the thanks of this meeting are tendered to the Hon. Peter Alexander, of Madison parish, mentioned in connection with the *Democratic* nomination for the State Senate of Louisiana. Verily, Sweet cousins and their change with them, but for this case we rather think the man beat time most intolerable.

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Hale has met with great and well deserved success with his electro-biological lectures and experiments in Mobile.

RIDICULE FOR LOVE.—Frederick Behrens, a German author, committed suicide this morning at No. 249 Washington street, by shooting himself through the heart with a pistol. Cause, unrequited affection. He had shipped on an outward-bound vessel, but becoming enamored with a young girl, remained to prosecute his suit. On Thursday evening he called to see the girl, and met with a cool reception, which so wrought upon his feelings that he killed himself, as stated above.—*N. Y. Times*.

MRS. BIGELOW'S CONFESSION.—The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore *American* says:

Reference has been purposely forborne to this correspondence to the Sickles trial, because it properly belongs to the judicial tribunal, where it is now pending. But since it has been made the topic of discussion by a publicity without warrant, it may not be inappropriate to say that the mortified confession of the unfortunate woman who figures so painfully in the case has produced a decided reaction among a large portion of this community. The atrocious indecencies of that paper prove to themselves that no woman, however frail or fallen, could have conceived such a gross revelation; and there are other incontestable marks showing to every intelligent eye that it must have been dictated with a purpose of expunging the then meditated vindication. There is internal evidence in every line of this "confession" that it was thus prepared, and the attesting witnesses who were called only proved their own allegations.

DEATH OF THE PUBLIC GARDENER.—Mr. Jas. Maher, the Public Gardener, died yesterday afternoon about half past 4 o'clock, aged nearly 67 years. He was a native of Ireland, and came to this city from Philadelphia early in the administration of Gen. Jackson, who gave him the office he held at the time of his death, and which he kept uninterruptedly through all intervening changes of administration, for a space of nearly thirty years. Mrs. Maher, his wife, preceded him to the grave on October last.—*Washington Intell.*

Letter from Paraguay.

The Margaret Elsa and the Anna Wellington, from Buenos Ayres, arrived at New York on Thursday, bringing advices to February 21. At the departure of the latter vessel nothing definite had yet been received regarding the close of the negotiations between Commissioner Bowlin and President Lopez. We have particulars of the earlier interviews between the two, with a report of the complimentary discourses appropriate to such occasions. They breathe nothing but friendship and peace.

On the 20th of January, Judge Bowlin was officially received by President Lopez, and delivered his credentials. Lopez was accompanied by a full staff, and the Commissioner, in addition to his suite, by Admiral Shubrick and nine of his officers in full uniform. Lopez chief during the whole interview, and with uncovered, holding his famous hat, feathers and all, under his arm. He was pleased with the interview and desired early negotiations, which were commenced on the following day, the 17th ultimo.

The remarks made by both parties on the occasion are as follows. Judge Bowlin said:

As the Special Commissioner of the Government of the United States of America, I have the honor to present to your Excellency the letter of credence with which I have been charged, accompanied with full powers to settle and adjust all the differences which now unhappily exist between the two republics.

In stating that I avail myself of the opportunity to reassure your Excellency of the very friendly disposition of the Government and people of the United States to cultivate with your Excellency's Government and people the most amicable commercial relations. It has been my earnest desire, since my arrival in Paraguay, to be enabled to say that the hostile attitude of the Government of Paraguay had been changed, and that the United States could again count upon the friendship of Paraguay. Before the next Congress will assemble, I trust that I shall be able to announce to it that the relations between the two republics have been restored to their former friendly footing.

Admiral Shubrick and myself will most cheerfully unite in a co-operation to the end that the present difficulties may be honorably and speedily adjusted, and that the relations of the two countries may be restored to their former friendly footing.

His Excellency spoke to the following effect:

Mr. Special Commissioner of the United States—I know that Paraguay is among the last of the republics of South America, but that neither deters her in the career of civilization and progress, for she possesses the most ancient nationality and was the first to follow the example of the United States of the North in asserting her independence.

I had not the sincerity of the desire of the United States to cultivate friendly relations with Paraguay when your Minister Resident resided here, but unfortunately, and deeply regret that unfortunate circumstances should have interrupted the harmony that then existed. The inexplicable discussions, however, of the Minister Resident, which I have always considered as personal, and which I have always considered as personal, and which I have always considered as personal, and