

THE PACIFIC APPEAL.

SAN FRANCISCO: Saturday, November 30, 1872.

Original Organ of the Colored Citizens of the Pacific States and Territories.

Congress.

On Monday next, Dec. 2d, the second session of the Forty-second Congress will assemble at the National Capitol.

As it is, no new policy can be inaugurated or go into operation till the ensuing session of Congress ends on the fourth of March.

While the former was inaugurated the latter failed at the last session of Congress, by the arbitrariness of Democratic members of Congress.

Mr. William Burris was one of the pioneer residents of this city, having arrived here in the days of 1840-50.

He leaves a wife three daughters, a son quite a promising lad, and a number of other relatives to mourn his loss.

A Veteran.

The New York Observer having completed its fiftieth year as the leader of the Religious Newspaper Press, is now preparing for its thousands of subscribers a New Year's Gift in the shape of a Jubilee Year-Book.

Is it Impolitic.

The Supreme Court of this State seems somewhat tardy in delivering its opinion on the test case relating to the admission of colored children in the Public Schools.

As Congress assembles on Monday next, and will, no doubt, inaugurate a supplementary Civil Rights Bill during the session which will enforce equal rights to all citizens.

The State has been in the Union since 1850, amidst all the rebellion, commotion and reconstruction, not a single advance has been made by the State for ameliorating educational facilities for colored children.

Death of William Burris.

Mr. Wm. Burris, whose demise we now pen—and with great regret has been truly one of the representative colored men of this city, he was for several years Janitor of Public Schools, and was highly respected by all classes.

A New Firm.—R. A. Hall is now associated with H. S. Morris in the proprietorship of Lincoln Saloon, on Pacific near Mason Streets.

Capt. Alexander Ferguson, it is rumored, has purchased the Barber Shop and Bath House on Pine street near Montgomery, and is going to run a first class shaving saloon.

There are two classes of readers, the slovenly and systematic. In reading books the first derive impressions; the last, instruction.

Colored Masons in Canada.

Dear Sir—In the interest of our race please give the following an insertion in a conspicuous place in your valuable paper, that is so much admired by our people.

Yours respectfully, W. T. PLUMMER, WINDSOR, ONTARIO, CANADA, October 26, 1872.

At a Convention held in the town of Osham, Oct. 22d, 1872, pursuant to a call issued to the Masonic Fraternity of the Province of Ontario by St. John's Lodge No. 9, Mt. Moriah No. 11, of Dresden and Meridian Sun No. 13, of Toronto, for the purpose of organizing a Grand Lodge for that Province.

The following Lodges were represented: viz: St. John's No. 9, North America No. 11, Mt. Carmel No. 10, Mt. Moriah No. 11, Mt. Olive No. 1, Meridian Sun No. 13, Victoria No. 2, Lincoln No. 8, Shaftsbury No. 6, and Salem No. 12.

After mature deliberation, the Convention did then and there by virtue of three warranted Lodges organize and constitute a Grand Lodge to be known as a Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of Ontario, by choosing for their first Grand Master, Rev. Benj. Steward; for first D. G. M., Isaac Holden; for first S. G. Warden, Jos. F. Scott; for first Jr. G. Warden, J. J. Moore; for first G. Sec'y, Wm. T. Plummer; for first G. Treasurer, J. H. Bland; for first G. Tyler, Garrison Shadd.

Those officers being legally installed the M. W. G. Master then appointed the various Committees, and declared the G. L. closed, subject to his call or that of his Deputy.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The Colored Citizen of November 16th, in Washington, D. C., contains an account of the Grand Lodge officers visit to a Subordinate Lodge in Georgetown, D. C., as follows:

One of the most pleasing events of the season was the visit of inspection made by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, to Widow's Son Lodge, No. 7, of F. and A. M., on Tuesday November 12th. The committee appointed by the Grand Lodge for that purpose, after a careful examination of the books of the Lodge, reported that not only were they correct, but that they indicated a wonderful degree of prosperity, showing conclusively to the members, from officers down, zealous in their efforts to promote the interests of the craft.

The M. W. G. M., John F. Cook, in a brief address, then said that he was much pleased and gratified to know that so much prosperity and goodwill and brotherly love existed in the lodge, and hoped that it might continue; and that from being good they might grow better. He gave them important advice relating to the duty of each member, and told them while they had done well in the past, owing to the new order of things growing out of the change of their political and social status, much remained for them to do in the future.

The business of the meeting over, the visiting brothers were set down to a choice collation, such as only Brother Hyson knows how to provide. Pleasant, wit and brotherly love abounded, and while none exceeded the bonds of propriety, every one heartily enjoyed the affair.

The same paper also contains an advertisement of what a Commandery of colored Knights' Templar intended doing in Baltimore on Thanksgiving Day. It reads as follows:

Grand demonstration and present-

tion of St. Joseph's Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar, to take place Thanksgiving Day, November 28th, A. D. 1872, A. O. 754, at Douglass Institute, on Lexington street.

Programme for the Day.—The Sir Knights will meet at their hall on Livingston street, at 8:30 A. M., and proceed to the Washington depot, headed by Captain Boyer's celebrated band, where they will meet Mt. Cavalry Commandery, No. 4, from Washington, accompanied by Eureka Commandery, No. 4, from Washington, accompanied by Virginia, and escorted back to the hall, where the grand reception will take place.

Calvert street, to Baltimore, to Charles, to Franklin, to Pennsylvania avenue, to Orchard, to Madison, to Bond, to Jefferson, to Aisquith, to Fayette, to Gay, to Saratoga, to Bethel Church, where there will be a sermon delivered by Sir Knight Rev. Dr. Watkins, to conclude at night with a presentation of a handsome Bible and jewel by Mt. Calvary Commandery to St. Joseph's Commandery.

Programme as follows.—Grand entrance of the Order in full dress; the prayer by Prelate Marcellus Hayward; opening address by P. E. C. Lemuel G. Griffin; presentation by S. K. T. A. Jackson, of Washington; reception by S. K. Daniel Harris; also addresses by several eminent Sir Knights of Baltimore, Washington and Virginia.

There will be present, also, the Council of the Heroine of Jericho, in full uniform, who will make a presentation also.

Committee.—S. K. D. B. Nelson, S. K. J. T. Brown, S. K. David Stewart, S. K. J. Murray Ralph. Master of Ceremonies.—S. K. J. Isaac Scott.

(From the Associated Press.)

Telegraphic Dispatches.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—A rough draft of the President's annual message was, though not finished, read to the Cabinet to-day, all the members being present. It will be, perhaps, one-fifth longer than last year's message. In response to a question asked by the writer of this dispatch, the President remarked that he had no objection to saying that the Message would not show any change of policy on his part, as his endeavor was now, as it had been in the past to perform his entire duty, to the extent of his ability, in such a manner as would best serve the interests of the country.

BURIED ALIVE.—For some time past the work of removing the remains of the departed from the old Roman Catholic burying ground to the new cemetery has been quietly going on, and nothing more than might be expected under the circumstance occurred until the other day. Affecting incidents have naturally occurred, and some scenes bordering on the revolting have been witnessed in the old cemetery. Recently buried bodies have been unconfined, that fond eyes might gaze upon their features for the last time, before covering them with the sod again. One such incident, of a startling nature, occurred last Tuesday. A gentleman who was engaged in removing the remains of some of his deceased relatives was asked by an acquaintance, who was similarly engaged, to assist him in lifting a coffin from a grave. He did so, and the lid was taken off. To the horror of the small body of spectators who gathered around it, they discovered that the body (which was that of an uncle of the gentleman who was removing it) had been disturbed in the coffin. It was terribly contorted, as if the deceased had died in great agony. The face wore an expression of intense pain and horror, the arms were drawn up as far as the coffin would admit, and the head was twisted around to the shoulder, from which the flesh had apparently been gnawed by the struggling man. Sickened by the horrid sight, the spectators drew back from the coffin and looked speechlessly into each other's eyes. Not a word was spoken, but there was not a man present who did not feel that the deceased had been buried alive—probably while in a trance—and had awakened only to perish in his living tomb. The coffin was closed again and taken to the new cemetery, where it was decently interred.

observed here, and business suspended. The churches were well attended, and the theatres were crowded in the afternoon. The poor of the city were generously remembered. Dinners were provided at the charitable institutions, and newsboys and bootblacks were given a Thanksgiving dinner. Dispatches from the principal cities of the Eastern and Southern States represent the day as having been generally observed; more so in some Southern cities than at any time since the war.

CHICAGO, November 28.—Thanksgiving Day was observed here very generally, by a suspension of business, and services at the churches.

NEW YORK, November 28.—The Tribune to-morrow will publish the following:

"Horace Greeley slept eight and a half hours on Wednesday night, which gave him a renewal of strength. During Thursday he was more comfortable than on Wednesday, though very weak at times. He receives without difficulty a sufficient amount of nourishment. At seven o'clock last night he took some beef tea, and soon afterwards went to sleep. Upon the whole, however, Mr. Greeley's condition is still such as to excite the most serious apprehensions."

CHICAGO, November 28.—The weather had turned extremely cold. Last night and to-day were the coldest of the Winter. There are accounts from various points along the lakes of disasters to shipping, with, in some cases, losses of life.

NEW YORK, November 28.—The new trial of the Janel will case begins in the U. S. Court in this city next week. In view of the fact that the interests involved are so enormous the court has now ordered a struck jury (a special jury selected by striking from the panel of jurors a certain number by each party, so as to leave a number required by law to try the cause), the first, it is understood, ever impaneled in this country. It consists of a panel of forty-eight prominent citizens, including well-known merchants, bankers, and publishers. The Tribune says the poor jurymen will be lucky if they come to an end of the trial before New-Year's, to say nothing of the time they may take afterward to make up their minds. The lawyers who will conduct this fight are among the ablest in the country.

NEW YORK, November 28.—George Macdonald, the poet, lies seriously ill at the residence of a friend in Scotch Plains, New Jersey. It is stated that Father Burke and Froude are to be given a joint social entertainment by Mr. Hurlbut of the World.

George H. Pendleton sailed for Europe yesterday.

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Deaths.

BURRIS.—In this city, on the morning of November 28th, William Burris, a native of Delaware, and for many years a resident of Philadelphia, aged 63 years. Philadelphia papers please copy.

GRAND CELEBRATION

OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BY THE

Conventional Independent Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of the State of California,

At SANDERS' NEW ACADEMY Cor. New Montgomery and Natoma Streets, On Friday Evening, Dec. 27th 1872.

Programme of Literary Exercises: 1st. Invocation... By the Band 2d. Devotion... By the Grand 3d. Installation of Officers... By the Order 4th. Address... By the M. W. G. M. 5th. Address... By the Order 6th. Oration... By the Band 7th. Music... By the Band The ceremonies will conclude with Grand Honors by the Fraternity. Exercises to commence at Eight o'clock precisely. Honorary Committee.—P. Anderson, W. A. Smith, E. B. Schell, Wm. H. Carpenter, George Burris, N. F. Williams, Israel C. Wilson, P. A. Bell, Dr. W. G. Bryant, San Francisco; E. P. Duplex, Marysville; A. L. Johnson, Sacramento City; Geo. W. Miller, Palmdale; Alfred White, San Jose; W. Francis, Vallejo; Thomas Gilman, Suisun; A. Tappan, Stockton; Andrew Hall, Thomas Street, Virginia City. Committee of Arrangements.—John G. Palfier, Charles H. Fisher, Henry Morris, Thomas Dutton, Jas. E. Francis, Charles A. Griffith, Fitz James Voughag, Henry Tolbert, M. A. Philip, John H. Fisher, William H. Blake, Jas. H. Hutchings, John Harris, Dawson Thomas. Reception Committee.—James H. Riker, Nathaniel F. Williams, William J. Simmons, Fitz James Voughag. Reception Committee.—Wm. H. Blake, Israel C. Wilson, Henry S. Moise. The culinary department will be under the supervision of the celebrated caterer, Mr. J. H. Huddys. Huddys' CELEBRATED STRING BAND will be in attendance. Tickets of Admission.....\$1.00

MASONIC NOTICE.

The 2d annual communication of the Conventional Independent Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of the State of California, will be held in the Grand Lodge Hall, Pacific street, near Mason, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 11, at 8 o'clock. All officers and members are earnestly requested to attend, as business of vital importance will be brought forward for consideration. By order of the M. W. G. M. Attest: NELSON COOK, G. Secretary.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION of Officers of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 1, F. & A. M., will be held in the Grand Lodge Hall, Pacific Street, near Mason, on Tuesday evening, December 3d, at 8 o'clock precisely. All officers and members are earnestly requested to be punctual in attendance. By order, JAMES E. FRANCIS, W. M. Attest: WILLIAM J. SIMMONS, Sec'y.

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