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this morning and addressed the convention, saying that he had not come to dictate its action, but would advise moderation. The convention immediately adjourned, and the radical State committee was called together. General Pope told the delegates privately that the Convention must nominate State officers, from Governor down, to be voted for at the same time as the constitution, as this would secure the adoption of the constitution by calling out the majority of the registered voters. He also said that they should have as many voting precincts as they wanted, and that it would never do to give up at this stage of the game. During the day's session the resolution to memorialize Congress for the repeal of the cotton tax was tabled.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., November 8.—The reconstruction convention on a test vote tabled, by 45 to 42, a proposition to abolish the present provisional State government within twenty days. An ordinance was introduced and referred to an appropriate committee to organize a provisional government for the State, and vacating all the important State offices on the first of January next, the provisional governor to be appointed by the convention, who shall fill all the offices by the appointment of men who can subscribe to the test oath. A resolution was introduced and referred proposing to disfranchise all persons implicated in the murder of Union men during the war.

The Alleged Election Frauds in Virginia.—Reply of General Schofield.

RICHMOND, November 8.—General Schofield replies to the protest of the defeated conservative candidates against the extension of the time of voting and frauds in the late election in this city. He says it was clearly the intention of Congress that the polls should be kept open till all the votes were polled, and for this he finds a precedent in the laws of Virginia. With reference to illegal voting he says he can only investigate that matter when the registering officers make returns to him. He promises to submit the claims of the defeated candidates to the Convention when it meets, and to give both parties his assistance in discovering any frauds that may have been perpetrated. As to the polls being kept open longest where the black vote was heaviest, he says it is sufficient to say they were kept open in all places until all the votes were polled. He concludes thus:

"That threats of intimidation and actual violence, in more than one instance, were, as you allege, resorted to by blacks to control the votes of persons of their own race, is no doubt true. Whether the effect was to change any considerable number of votes may be difficult to determine; but it is certainly a legitimate subject for investigation, and if it appears that such has been the effect, it will be just grounds for contesting the election."

Presbyterian Convention.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 8.—Governor Geary visited the Presbyterian Convention this evening and was cordially welcomed by the members. After thanking them he took a seat on the platform. The convention has adopted rules of government formed on a basis of union. The attendance of spectators is very large, crowding the church in every part and evincing the greatest interest in the proceedings.

A deputation from the Episcopal Convention was received, consisting of Bishops Mallvatne and Lee, Rev. S. H. Tyng, Jr., and Messrs. Brunot and Cunningham. The exercises were deeply interesting and pathetic. Addresses were made by members of the delegation, and replied to by Rev. Drs. Hodge and Stearns, H. B. Smith and Geo. H. Stuart, president. The Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer were recited in common. The Presbyterian convention adopted an address and adjourned. The Evangelical Society also adjourned this evening.

Suicide of a Farmer.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Nov. 7.—George Look, a farmer, living near Lingestown, in this county, hung himself yesterday to a rafter in his barn. It seems that he arose early and assisted his wife in getting ready to go to market. He then returned to bed, where he remained until daylight, when he got up, held family worship, and breakfasted with the children, and at a later hour left the house. When his wife and one of his sons returned his absence gave them no uneasiness, thinking he had gone to some neighbor's house,

which commences on Monday.

Failure in New York.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—The Express states that the failure of a large dry goods jobbing firm is reported on Wall street.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Kidnaping of Negroes—Habeas Corpus.—In the Criminal Court yesterday, before Judge Bond, was heard the petition of Samuel Drummond, Charles Freeland, William Clarke, John Green and John Barker, all colored minors, by their next friend, George Height, alleging that they were illegally detained on the schooner Wm. Spear, Capt. John B. Lewis, with the intention on the part of said Lewis to ship them on a voyage to Nevada island, as laborers and servants, to be engaged there in the occupation of digging guano, they not having entered into any contract or agreement to do so, but in violation of any contract made by them with said Lewis or his agent, the agent of the Nevada Phosphate Company—also that they are not allowed to hold communication with their friends, or to come on shore, and that said Lewis is about to sail from this port, and praying for the writ of habeas corpus, &c.

The respondent, Captain J. B. Lewis, made answer to the writ that he brings into court the colored minors named in the writ, with the exception of Drummond, who escaped. He claims that, as agent of the Nevada Phosphate Company, and about to command a vessel belonging to said company on a voyage to Nevada Island, he holds said minors as the hired servants of said company to proceed to Nevada Island, and until the vessel shall be ready to sail he to keep them safely so as to assure the performance of their contracts, they having received advances upon the wages contracted to be paid them; also that he detained them under that authority as captain on board of the schooner Wm. Spear, ready to be transferred when ready to sail to the vessel in which he and the said minors are to make the voyage to Nevada Island, there to remain for twelve months as laborers and servants at the rates of compensation agreed upon, of which the respondent is ignorant, as well as of the condition of shipment; and he further answers that the Nevada Phosphate Company, by their general agent here, R. W. L. Rasin, is willing to discharge the said minors, who may have been shipped under any misrepresentation or fraud practiced by any shipping master or his agent, with which neither he nor said company, nor their agent, Mr. Rasin, has any connection or responsibility.

It was in evidence that the parties were engaged in Philadelphia, (excepting one in Baltimore,) to dredge for oysters in the Chesapeake bay, by shipping masters or their colored agents and taken on board the schooner Wm. Spear, where they were confined. They were to be paid \$30 per month and boarded, and to receive \$15 in advance. Judge Bond said it was a clear case of kidnaping, and ordered them to be discharged. The witnesses were held in custody in default of \$100 bail to appear before the grand jury to-day. Bench warrants were issued for the arrest of the shipping agents on the charge of kidnaping. One of the parties was arrested and sent to jail. Messrs. Smith and Willis, Wm. M. Marine and James R. Partridge appeared for the petitioners.

The Maryland Institute Exhibition.—Another large crowd was in attendance at the Hall of the Maryland Institute last evening. The scene was enlivened by music from Prof. Vitt's excellent band, and also with music from the piano and organ. A compact little piece of machinery in the lower end of the hall, styled Painter's Riving Machine, made at the machine shop of Murrill & Keyser, of this city, attracts considerable attention from those versed in such matters. A model steam fire engine, made by Christopher Franks, a youth in the second year of his apprenticeship, also claims a good amount of attention. It was made during leisure half-hours, and although a perfect engine, is only two feet and a-half in length. In the agricultural department an object of much interest to farmers is Fisher's improved wheel corn, cotton and potato plow and cultivator, made by A. D. Brearley & Co., Trancas, N. J. This plow is attached to a mounded frame in such a manner that it is allowed to rise or fall to correspond with the inequalities or undulations of the

bark, and 1,188 staves. The only foreign one was the British brig Niagara, from Windsor S., with 325 tons plaster. The British ship Eagle, from Liverpool, arrived last evening a large and valuable cargo, but at too late hour to enter at the custom-house.

Herring Run Races.—A match race of mile heats, best three in five, to harness, off at Herring Run Course yesterday after G. Nelson entered gr. mare Fanny and D. St. ch. gelding Bismarck. It was won by the in three straight heats. The attendance good, the best order prevailed, and the track in fine order. An attractive season of five is announced for next week.

Portrait of George Wm. Brown, Esq.—first branch of the city council last evening resolution was adopted, on motion of Piquett, for the appointment of a committee request ex-Mayor George Wm. Brown, for his portrait, to be placed in the chamber with the portraits of the former of the city, and appropriating \$300 for the same.

Arrival of Steamship Seagull.—The steamer Seagull, Captain Dutton, from Charleston arrived yesterday morning, with the following cargo: 280 bales cotton, 9,000 feet lumber packages merchandise, 46 tierces rice staves, and 4 bundles leather. She brought following passengers: R. S. Rhett, R. M. G. N. Abbott, J. Phillips and C. L. Jackson.

Store Robbed.—The shoe store of John Han, No. 606 West Pratt street, was entered yesterday morning, about one o'clock, by two who carried off, undetected, four pairs of valued at \$40. The entrance was effected through a side window, the slats of which were closed as yet to the thieves.

Charged with Larceny.—Josephine C. colored, was arrested yesterday by detective Mitchell, charged with stealing a glassware, spoons, a set of furs and money. Jas. H. Johnson, No. 9 South street. Robinson committed her for the action grand jury.

Missing Vessel.—The schooner Sallie, Captain Pine, sailed from this port on the 7th July for Fortune Island, in ballast, and has not been heard from since, it is feared to have been lost. She rated 23, was 157 tons built in Matthews county, Va., in 1858, and from Baltimore, where, it is supposed, insured.

The Havana Steamship Line.—The steamer Cuba, Captain Dukehart, from New Orleans Havana and Key West, will be due here afternoon. The Liberty, of the same line, learned by a telegram from Havana, sail that port for New Orleans yesterday at all well on board.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

South Carolina will probably be safe from famine this winter. Letters from there say that the most abundant corn crop harvesting known for many years. It is for fifty cents per bushel.

It is stated in several papers that Mr. the painter, is to open a studio in Washington this winter. It is understood, however, will still continue his studio and residence in Baltimore.

Sir Hugh Pollock, late a baronet in a regiment in Texas, has sailed for Scotland in possession of the baronetcy lately the decease of his father.

It is announced that the republican Louisiana has been organized of the universal suffrage and amnesty and of to confederation.

The emigration agent of South Carolina absent in Europe, reports that he has just in starting one vessel full of German emigrants for Charleston.

General McClellan took passage for the States in the Scotia, which left Liverpool instant.

Wm. Carey Jones, (son-in-law to the late Thomas H. Benton), a prominent lawyer and resident of San Francisco, died on

The statement of the commissioners of the general shows that during the year and October 30, 1867, immigrants arrived at New York. It is stated that the President has named James A. Seddon, late Secretary of War