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BOARD OF TRADE.
Committee of Arbitration for month of February.
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Monetary and Commercial Notices.

BALTIMORE, February 25, 1862.

There was but little animation at the Baltimore Stock Board to-day. There was a sale of $1,000 Maryland 6's coupons, at 97. In Railway shares the only transaction was a sale of 2 shares Baltimore and Ohio at $59, an advance of ¼ on the highest bid of yesterday; at the close $59¾ was bid; $60 asked regular way; $59¾ bid, buyer's option, 60 days; for Northern Central shares $18 was bid, $20 asked. In Railway bonds we notice a sale of $1,000 Northern Central 6's at 73; for Baltimore and Ohio 6's 1867 86 was bid, 90 asked, and for those of 1885 83 was bid; for Northwestern Virginia 6's 1873 first mortgage, guaranteed by the city, 85 was bid; do. second mortgage, guaranteed by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, 73 was bid, 74 asked; do. do. third mortgage, same guarantee, 68 bid; for Central Ohio 7's, first mortgage 1861 60 was bid, 70 asked; do. do. 1864 64 was asked; Western Maryland 6's, guaranteed by the city, 81¾ bid, 86 asked. For City 6's 1875 93¾ was asked; do. do. 1890 90¾ bid, 93 asked. No inquiry for Missouri, Virginia or North Carolina State securities; for Tennessee 6's 62 was asked. The only transaction to notice in Bank or Insurance stocks was a sale of 50 shares National Fire Insurance at $7 37; for Chesapeake Bank $24 was asked; for Citizens' $9 was bid; for Commercial and Farmers' $34 was bid, and for Merchants' $90¾ bid. There was nothing done in Canton—at the close $13¾ was bid, $15 asked. For Patapsco Company bonds 66 was asked without buyers. In Mining stocks there were again a few sales; Gardner advanced 5 cts. per share, a sale of 100 shares having been made at $1 30; there were also sales of 500 shares Consolidated at 15 cts; and 20 shares Baltimore and North Carolina at 30 cts.

The exports of specie from New York to foreign ports since the commencement of the present year—a few days short of two months—amounts to $5,961,359, being much larger than the export for the same period in any one year since 1852. For the same time in 1861 the export of specie amounted to only $732,576.

The Baltimore Fire Insurance Company has declared its usual semi-annual dividend, payable on Monday next, the 3d March, that is to say, 10 per cent. to the stockholders and 2½ per cent. to the contingent fund.

SALES AT THE BALTIMORE STOCK BOARD.
TUESDAY, February 25, 1862

$1,000 Maryland 6's coupons.....97
1,000 Northern Central Railroad bonds.....73
2 shares Balt. & Ohio Railroad.....59
100 shares Gardner Hill Mining Co.....1.30
20 shs. Balto. & N. Car. Mining Co.....30
500 shares Consolidated Mining Co.....15
30 shares National Fire Insurance Co.....7.37

The following are the rates at which the Baltimore Brokers are buying and selling Gold and Treasury notes:

	BUYING.	SELLING.
Gold	2¾ per ct. prem.	3 per ct. prem.
Treasury notes.	⅜ " " " dis.	¼ " " " dis.

PRICES AND SALES OF STOCKS IN NEW YORK BY TELEGRAPH.
Through WILLIAM FISHER & SON, Stock and Bill Brokers No. 22 South street.

	1st Board	2d Board
Virginia 6's	61	00
Missouri 6's	56¾	00
Tennessee bonds	64¾	00
North Carolina bonds	72¾	00
Cents. Company	13	00
Erie Railroad	34¾	00
New York Central Railroad	83¾	00
Reading Railroad	44	00
Rock Island	56¾	00
Treasury notes 2 years 6 per cents.	99¾ firm.	00

No second board received.

The following is the regular weekly statement of the New York banks as compared with the statement of last week:

Week end'g.	Loans.	Specie.	Circulat'n.	Deposits.
Feb. 15...	$141,591,192	28,114,148	5,762,506	110,430,375
Feb. 22...	139,950,953	28,875,992	5,489,496	109,079,076
Decrease..	$2,040,234		273,010	1,351,399
Increase..	—	761,844	—	—

The New York *Herald* of yesterday says:

The stock market was again very active indeed this morning; the volume of business transacted at the morning board was prodigious. Pacific Mail declined ¼. The general market was irregular. All kinds of bonds and State and Federal securities were better. The coupon 6's of 1881 advanced ¼, the 5's of 1874 ¼. The Illinois was loan 2¾, Tennessee and Missouri ¾ each, and California ¾ I. Among the bonds we notice an advance of 1 in Rock Island bonds, and 1 in Michigan Southern sinking funds. One or two of the railway shares were better to-day. Panama advanced ¼, and Southern guaranteed ¼; but most of them were lower; Erie declined ¼, Hudson River 1, Rock Island ¼, Toledo ¼, and Illinois Central ¼.

The following is the statement of the Philadelphia banks for the past week as compared with that of the preceding week:

	Feb. 17.	Feb. 24.	
Capital stock	$11,970,100	$11,970,100	
Loans	29,338,544	29,250,049	Dec. 108,495
Specie	5,849,234	5,857,650	Inc. 18,332
Due from other bks.	2,052,631	1,935,414	Dec. 116,647
Due to other banks..	4,661,442	5,205,203	Inc. 543,761
Deposits	18,692,182	18,777,200	Inc. 85,118
Circulation	2,192,512	2,235,605	Inc. 38,093

The Philadelphia *Press* of yesterday says:

The stock board transacted two days' business at their meeting to-day. State 5's and City 6's, both old and new, advanced ¾; Pennsylvania Railroad shares were better; Reading Railroad stock gained ¼; Schuylkill Navigation preferred, ¼; and Catawissa ¼. United States seven and three-tenths loan sold at 99¾.

BALTIMORE MARKETS.

TUESDAY, February 25.

COFFEE.—There are no transactions to report. The market continues dull, and holders evince but little disposition to sell at present rates. We quote ordinary to good Rio at 18¾@19 cts., and prime do. at 20 cts.; Laguayra at 23¾@24½ cts.; Java at 25½@26½ cts., and Ceylon at 24 cts. There is very little of any description except Rio in market, and the stock of the latter is only about 26,000 bags.

FLOUR.—We have no change whatever to notice in the Flour market, the demand being very light. The only transactions we have heard of to-day are a sale of 500 bbls. choice Howard Street Super at $5 62½, and 100 bbls. Howard Street Extra at $6 25. We continue to quote Howard Street and Ohio Super, regular brands, at $5 62½, choice shipping brands do. at $6 25@6 37½; City Mills Super at $5 37@5.75, and shipping brands do. at $6 25

FAMILY FLOUR.—Family Flour is still selling by the dray load to the trade at $8 25 for the best brands Baltimore, and $6.75@7.25 per bbl. for Ohio and Howard Street. Baltimore high grade Extra is bringing $7.75 per bbl. by the dray load

RYE FLOUR AND CORN MEAL.—Rye Flour is still quoted at $4@4.12½, and Corn Meal at $3 15@3.20 per bbl. for both Baltimore and Brandywine, the market for the latter being very dull.

GRAIN.—The Grain market remains unchanged. The offerings at the Baltimore Corn Exchange were 1,320 bushels Wheat, 6,168 bushels Corn, 1,820 bushels Oats and 6 bushels Rye, making a total of 9,368 bushels. The offerings at the Maryland Exchange foot up 14,792 bushels, viz: 1,550 bushels Wheat, 6,199 bushels Corn, 3,425 bushels Oats, and 650 bushels Rye. The prices at both marts ruled about the same as yesterday. There were no transactions in white Wheat reported, and we continue to quote fair to good at 140@150 cts., and prime to strictly choice at 155@165 cts. Nearly all the red Wheat offered found purchasers—1,000 bushels sold at 132 cts; 375 bushels at 133 cts; 250 bushels at 135 cts, and 250 bushels at 126 cts., the prices being regulated according to quality and condition. In Corn we notice the following transactions:—700 bushels fair white at 63 cts.; 1,200 bushels prime do. at 65 cts.; 700 bushels prime at 62 cts.; 100 bushels at 59 cts.; and 100 do. at 58 cts.; 300 bushels mixed at 57 cts; 700 bushels inferior at 55 cts; 145 bushels at 61 cts; 1,300 bushels at 145 cts., and 350 bushels mixed at 135 cts. Some 2,000 bushels yellow Corn changed hands at 54@56 cts., according to quality and condition. There was but little inquiry for Oats—100 bushels Maryland sold at 38 cts., and 160 bushels Pennsylvania at 40 cts. There was a sale of 650 bushels Rye, prime Pennsylvania, at 75 cts. per bushel. We continue to quote Maryland at 70@72 cts.

MOLASSES.—There is but little demand for Molasses, and the only sales are small lots to the trade at quotations. The market is dull. We quote Muscovado 24@28 cts.; clayed sweet, 22@24 cts.; Porto Rico 30@34 cts., and New Orleans 48@52 cts The stock of all descriptions in market is extremely light.

PROVISIONS.—There are no transactions to report today. The market is firm. We continue our former quotations, viz: Mess Pork at $13.25@13.50, Prime do $10 50, and Rump 10 50 per bbl. Bulk Shoulders may be quoted at 4½ cts., Sides at 5¾ cts., and Hams at 5¾ cts. per lb. There is a fair demand for Bacon from jobbers, at 5¾ cts. for Shoulders, 6¾ cts. for Sides, and 7@8¾ cts. per lb for Hams Lard—We quote Western in bbls. and tcs. at 8¾@8¾ cts.; in kegs, regular packages, at 9 cts.; City rendered at 8 cts., and refined at 10@10¾ cts. per lb. No change to notice in Butter and Cheese.

SEEDS.—There continues to be some inquiry for Clovertseed. We notice sales to day of 50 bushels at $4 37; 50 bushels at $4.44, and 200 bushels at $4.31; there was also a sale of 700 bushels on terms not made public. We continue our quotations for Timothy at $2@2 50, and Flaxseed at $1 90@1.95 per bushel.

SALT.—Liverpool Salt is still selling at the following rates, viz: 115@120 cts. for Ground Alum; 175@180 cts. for Marshall's, Jeffrey & Darcy's, and Worthington's fine; and 200 cts. per sack for Ashton's do., but is very firm at these figures. Turks Island Salt is held at 35 cts. per bushel.

SUGARS.—There is no change to notice in the Sugar market. Small sales are occasionally making to the trade at quotations. We continue to quote as follows, viz: Cuba at $7@7.50 for refining, and $8@8.30 for grocery grades; English Island at $7@8; Porto Rico at $7@7.25 for common; $8.25@9 for fair to prime; and New Orleans at $8.25@9 for fair to prime. The stock has been increased by the arrival of the brig Frances Jane, from Porto Rico, with 174 hhds. and 47 bbls., and the brig Chesapeake, from Demerara, with 146 hhds. English Island.

WHISKEY.—The market is nearly bare of Whiskey in first hands, and prices have advanced a shade. We notice a sale this morning of 50 bbls. Ohio at 27 cts.; later in the day there was a sale of 50 bbls. at 27½ cts.; but still later none could be had at the advance, holders being firm in asking 28 cts. per gallon.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

PHILADELPHIA, February 24.—There is little or no export demand for Flour, and prices are unchanged—800 @900 bbls. sold at $5 37½ for superfine; $5 75 for good extras; $5.75@6 for extra family, and $6 50@7 per bbl. for fancy brands, as to quality. Rye Flour is quoted at $3.50 per bbl., and Pennsylvania Corn Meal at $3. Sales of 2,500 bushels Wheat, good red at 133@135 cts. per bushel, and white at 137@145 cts., as to quality. Rye is in fair request, and 3,000 bushels Pennsylvania sold at 73 cts. Corn is rather more active; 7,500 bushels Pennsylvania and Southern yellow sold at 56@57 cts, afloat, and 5,000 bushels do. in the cars at 55½ cts. Oats are selling as wanted at 38 @39 cts. per bushel.

PHILADELPHIA CATTLE MARKET, February 24.—The receipts of Beef Cattle are larger than usual this week, reaching about 1,900 head. The market continues dull, and prices 25 cts the 100 lbs. lower than last quoted. The sales ranged from 7 to $8.50. About 100 Cows arrived, and sold at the Avenue Drove Yard at from $18 to $36 per head as to quality. The arrivals and sales of Sheep reached about 4,000 head this week, selling at from 4½ to 5 cts. per lb., as to condition. 800 Hogs sold at the Avenue Drove Yard at from $5.25 to $6 per 100 lbs. net. The arrivals of fat Hogs at the Union Hog Yard reached 3,024 head, selling at from $5.25 to $6 per 100 lbs. net, according to quality.

PHILADELPHIA HAY MARKET, Feb. 24.—During the past week 540 loads of hay and straw were weighed and sold at the Farmers' Hay and Straw Market, North Seventh street. The supply was abundant and the demand active. Sales of best quality Timothy were made briskly at 75@80 cts. per 100 lbs. Straw sold at 55@60 cts. per 100 lbs.

CHICAGO PROVISION MARKET, February 20.—Mess Pork continues firm and buoyant at $11. Bulk Meats are scarce and firm. Lard is held at 7 cts, but buyers offer only 7¾@7¾ cts. Yesterday afternoon the sales of live Hogs ranged from $2.80 to $3 25 gross. Ordinary heavy Hogs are in demand to-day at $3. There is less excitement in dressed Hogs, but the market is firm and on the general sales the market is 10@15 cts. better. Prices ranged from $3@4 per cwt., the bulk of the transactions being at $3 60@3.75 for lots dividing on 200 lbs.

CINCINNATI PROVISION MARKET, Feb. 22—The Provision market continues very firm. Mess Pork sold readily at $12 to the extent of about 1,000 bbls. There is scarcely any first class city brands to be had at that figure. The demand for bulk Sides at 5 cts is good; Shoulders are held at 3¾ cts, with buyers at 3¾@3¾ cts. Lard is in steady request at 7½ cts, in tierces, for prime brands, but some of the holders ask 8 cts. Sellers of country packed meat seem to be less pressing in their offers, mainly for the reason that they have found that the market will not bear crowding.

LATEST NEWS.

TELEGRAMS.

AFFAIRS AT FORT DONELSON.
Proclamation of Commodore Foote.

CAIRO, February 24.—Everything is quiet at Fort Donelson.

The Confederates, before evacuating Clarksville, fired the railroad bridge crossing the Cumberland at that point.

Commodore Foote has issued the following proclamation to the inhabitants of Clarksville:

At the suggestion of Hon. Cave Johnson, Judge Wisdom, and the Mayor of the city, who called upon me yesterday, after our hoisting the Union flag on the forts, to ascertain my views and intentions towards citizens and private property, I hereby announce to all peaceably disposed persons that neither in their persons nor property shall they suffer molestation by me or by the naval forces under my command, and they may safely resume their business avocations with assurances of my protection. At the same time I require that all military stores and army equipments shall be surrendered, no part of them being withheld or destroyed; and, further, that no Secession flag or manifestation of Secession feeling shall be exhibited; and for the faithful observance of these conditions I shall hold the authorities of the city responsible.

ANDREW H. FOOTE.

The Killed and Wounded at Fort Donelson.

CAIRO, Feb. 25.—Official returns of the battle at Fort Donelson show that 321 were killed, 1,954 wounded, and that 150 are missing in Gen. McClernand's division.

The Fort Donelson Prisoners—General Buckner Taken to Indianapolis.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 25.—The steamer Argonaut, from Cairo, arrived at Jeffersonville this afternoon with 194 of the Fort Donelson prisoners, including Gen Buckner and staff. They were in charge of a detachment of Federal soldiers, under command of Captain Walker, and were sent to Indianapolis by a special train this afternoon.

FROM WASHINGTON.
Official.
Order in Respect to Military Intelligence by Telegraph, Mail or Otherwise.

WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON CITY, D. C., February 25th, 1862.

Ordered.—First—On and after the 26th day of February inst., the PRESIDENT, by virtue of the act of Congress, takes military possession of all the telegraph lines in the United States.

Second—All telegraphic communications in regard to military operations, not expressly authorized by the War Department, the General Commanding, or the generals commanding armies in the field, in the several departments, are absolutely forbidden.

Third—All newspapers publishing military news, however obtained and by whatever medium received, not authorized by the official authority mentioned in the preceding paragraph, will be excluded from receiving information by telegraph, and from transmitting their papers by railroad.

Fourth—Edward S Sanford is made military supervisor of telegraphic messages throughout the United States. Anson Stager is made military superintendent of all telegraph lines and offices in the United States.

Fifth—This possession and control of the telegraph lines is not intended to interfere in any respect with the ordinary affairs of the companies or with private business.

By order of the President:
[Signed] EDWIN M. STANTON,
Secretary of War.

Congressional Legislation---The Treasury Note Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25—The only amendment made to the U. S. note bill by the Committee of Conference, at their second meeting to-day, was of an unimportant character, namely: to receive the fifty millions of demand notes, heretofore authorized, in from three, such duties are to be paid or collected.

The President has approved the certification bill, and it is therefore a law.

The bill requiring masters of American vessels clearing for foreign or domestic ports to take the oath of allegiance and support the Constitution, was, according to a remark made by Mr. Eliot, who reported it, and which passed the House, in accordance with the suggestions of Secretaries Chase and Seward, who, from information in their possession, deemed such legislation necessary.

Military Changes.

WASHINGTON, February 25—First Lieutenant John A. Shultz, of the 1st Cavalry United States Army, has tendered his resignation, which has been accepted.

Lieut. Forsett, Adjutant of the 23d Pennsylvania, and Lieut. Edward L. Ford, of Brooklyn, N. Y., have been appointed Aids-de-Camp on the staff of Brigadier General Blenry, now commanding a brigade in General Heintzelman's division, formerly commanded by General Sedgwick, who has been promoted to the command of General Stone's division.

The Good Feeling of Russia Towards the United States.

WASHINGTON, February 25—The communication from the Russian Government on the subject of the Trent affair was communicated to the Senate to-day. It is characterized by the strongest feelings of friendship for the United States.

The Evacuation of Nashville Still in Doubt—The Announcement of Its Occupation by General Buell Premature.

CAIRO, February 24—An arrival here from Fort Donelson reports that the enemy have strong fortifications on Pine Bluffs, twelve miles this side of Nashville, and are concentrating a large force there, and would, it was thought, make a desperate stand. The report that General Buell occupied Nashville on Saturday night is untrue, as he could not reach that city by forced marches before to-day.

There is no change in the position of our troops on the Cumberland river.

THE LATEST FROM TENNESSEE.
The Occupation of Nashville by Federal Troops Confirmed—Floyd Fled as Usual.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 25.—The *Republican's* Cairo despatch to-day says:—

"The occupation of Nashville by the Federal army is confirmed. Our troops took possession without opposition. Floyd fled as usual.

"The report about Governor Harris ordering the Tennessee troops to lay down their arms and go home, is also confirmed."

The Tennessee Legislature has been called for next Monday. No opposition to the Union movements has been made anywhere on the Cumberland.

It is *reported* that white flags are flying at Memphis.

[ANOTHER DESPATCH.]

LOUISVILLE, February 25.—A deserter from the rebel army arrived at Mumfordsville to-day and reports that the national flag is flying over Nashville, and says the rebels pretend to be concentrating 200,000 men at Murfreesboro', intending to give battle there.

FROM THE UPPER POTOMAC.
The Secessionists Leaving Charlestown

SANDY HOOK, Feb. 25—A boat, whilst attempting to cross the Potomac to Harper's Ferry during the gale of yesterday, was swamped, and five soldiers and one citizen were drowned. The ferryman, who was with Mr. Röhr when he was shot by the rebels some time since, is the only one who escaped.

The secession families are evacuating Charlestown. Three companies of rebel cavalry are the only enemy in sight, and they are about three miles from the Ferry.

A Reconnoissance Towards Columbus—A Rebel Flag of Truce.

CAIRO, February 25.—An expedition of four iron-clad gunboats and two mortar-boats, with the 27th Illinois regiment and a battalion of the 8th Wisconsin, made a reconnoissance down the river on Monday morning and discovered that the rebels had seized all the flat-boats and skiffs as far up as they dared to come. There had been a movement among the troops at Columbus, but whether reinforcements had arrived was not learned. The gunboats and mortar-boats were getting into position on the Missouri side when a rebel steamer with a white flag made her appearance, and some rebel officers came on board, when a consultation took place lasting over two hours, with what result has not been made known, but the expedition shortly after returned here.

Later from Ship Island.

NEW YORK, February 25.—The steamship Constitution brings Ship Island dates to the 18th.—Everything is quiet, and the troops there in good health.

The frigate Niagara, gunboat Kanawha and sloop-of-war Hartford had arrived there.

By the Constitution we learn that the British steamer Selanon, while being loaded with cotton from a steamer with the Confederate flag flying in the Rio Grande river, was taken as a prize by the sloop-of-war Portsmouth.

She had about half a cargo of cotton on board, and had previously landed a cargo of blankets and ordnance stores at Matamoras. The British Captain is a prisoner on the steamer Portsmouth, and the steamer will soon be sent North for adjudication.

It is claimed that the vessel was in Mexican waters, and her cargo will not be touched until the case is settled.

Later from Arkansas—The Rebel Price Driven from his Strong Post, and in Full Retreat.

ST. LOUIS, February 25.—General Halleck this morning telegraphed General McClellan the following intelligence:

"Price's army has been driven from his strong post at Cross Hollow. The enemy left his sick, wounded, and such stores as he could not carry, and burned his extensive barracks at that place. General Curtis says that most of our provisions for the last ten days have been taken from the enemy.

Great Fire at Boston.

BOSTON, Feb. 25.—A fire which occurred here last night was one of the greatest ever known in Boston. It burnt from ten o'clock to three this morning. The gale from the Northwest was blowing heavily, with snow and hail, and the firemen had a severe night of it. Two firemen were killed by falling walls, and one badly injured. The entire range of buildings on the north side of Eastern avenue, from Commercial street to Water, including East Boston, old Ferry-slip, and the large six-story building known as the Exchange Hotel, with some 800 bales of cotton, was destroyed. Five vessels at the wharf were towed out and saved. The total loss is probably half a million. Some estimates are higher.—During the night, the tower of the Roman Catholic church, East Boston, was blown down.

Effects of the Gale—Interruption of Telegraphic Communication.

NEW YORK, February 25.—The gale was very severe here last night. Several vessels in the harbor dragged their anchors, but no serious damage occurred.

All the Western telegraph lines are interrupted, but it is hoped they will soon be in working order again.

Five two-story buildings were blown down in Brooklyn; also two steeples on Rev. Mr. Farley's church. A portion of the roof of the Brooklyn City Hospital was also blown away.

Movements of Generals Hunter and Lane.

LEAVENWORTH, Feb 25.—It is understood that General Hunter will leave for St. Louis to-day, and General Lane for Washington to-morrow.

Ex-Governor Wright Appointed Senator for Indiana.

INDIANAPOLIS, February 24.—Governor Morton has appointed ex Governor Joseph A. Wright United States Senator, to fill the place of Jesse D. Bright.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

THE PAY OF THE POLICE.—Yesterday afternoon, in the First Branch of the City Council, Mr. Evans called up the resolution authorizing the payment to the police force the ten per cent. which was deducted from their pay by Provost Marshal Dodge for the months of December and January. The resolution was vigorously opposed by several members of the Branch. Messrs. Streeter, Norris and Dukehart contended that the Provost Marshal had furnished to the Branch the amount due the force, and the sum was voted. The Marshal was the only person who knew what was due the force. Any moneys voted over and above the amount asked for by the Marshal was a gratuity, and any member of the Council who voted for the resolution sacrificed the interests of the city. The resolution was adopted by the following vote, but it has yet to pass the Second Branch:—

Yeas—Messrs. Williams, Schwartze, Lamden, Young, Evans, Crowley, Burke, Barron, Kirkwood, and Kimberly—10.

Nays—Messrs. Dukehart, Hoopes, Streeter, Norris, Sauerwein, Duer, Sullivan, Cromer, and Mules—9.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND.—The annual commencement exercises of this famous School of Medicine will take place at the Holliday Street Theatre, on Saturday morning next, at 10 o'clock. There will be upwards of fifty graduates, and the theatre will no doubt be filled to its utmost capacity. The number of graduates is nearly equal to that of last year, and the Institution is in a most gratifying condition, notwithstanding a few untoward influences of the past year. The graduates of the present year, in their examinations, have proved themselves worthy of the honor which will be conferred upon them on Saturday next by the bestowal of the diploma of the time-honored "University of Maryland."

DEATH FROM NEGLIGENCE.—On Monday morning, a boy about ten years of age, son of Mr. John Mullanley, living near Canton, was at school, when he complained of being unwell, and the teacher sent him home, on reaching which he was put to bed, and died in less than hour. Justice James, of the county, took possession of the body, and an inquest was held over it. Dr. Evans was called to make a *post mortem* examination, when he discovered a severe wound on the left side of the head, near the temple, which was in a frightful condition from neglect. The scalp was cut to the skull for more than an inch, and the wound had festered and ulcerated. The Doctor was of the opinion that the wound had produced tenatus, and death ensued. The jury rendered a verdict to that effect.

ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO MURDER.—An outrageous attempt was made to murder Justice James, of Baltimore county, on Sunday night last. Mr. James had attended church at Canton, and, in company with a friend, he was returning to his home, when a man named Antoni Henneman sprang before him, and drawing a pistol snapped it in his face, making his escape. Finding himself [illegible] Cox, of the Eastern district, arrested Henneman and took him before Justice Dorsey, who, held him to bail for a further hearing on the 27th inst., in the sum of $1,000.

ARREST OF A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE.—Yesterday the police authorities of the city received information from the police authorities of Washington that a man named Cooperman had forged a pass to enable a man to cross the military lines, and had eluded the police of that city. They thought that he had made his way to Baltimore, and accordingly gave a description of the man, to assist the police here in detecting him. Yesterday afternoon one of the decisive force succeeded in arresting him in the Eastern section of the city, and last night he was forwarded to Washington.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING.—The anniversary meeting of the Church Home and Infirmary was held last night at the Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal church. After prayer by the Rev. Dr. Coxe, of Grace church, the report of the Board of Trustees was read. Rev. Dr. Cummins, of St. Peter's read the Treasurer's report, and an address was delivered by Rev. Mr. Rankin, of St. Luke's, and others. The meeting was very well attended by the friends of the Institution, and the occasion was one of pleasure and profit to all present.

A FATAL RESULT.—It was noticed in Monday morning's issue of the *News Sheet* that a young man named Edward North had been seriously injured by the bursting of a cannon, while assisting in firing a salute, at the foot of Washington street, and although the wound was a serious one it was not anticipated that it would prove fatal. He continued to suffer greatly until about twelve o'clock on Monday night, when he died. He was a young man of good character, and was the only support of a widowed mother.

SEVERE ACCIDENT.—On Monday afternoon an elderly lady named Sorrin was walking along Wolf street, near Baltimore street, during the prevalence of the gale, when a board fence was blown down and she was struck to the ground, sustaining a fracture of her left leg. She was carried to her home on Wolf street, near Fayette street, when Dr. Evans set the limb.

DEATH FROM INTEMPERANCE.—On Sunday evening a dissolute and dissipated woman named Carns was walking along Starr alley, when she fell to the pavement in a fit and died in a few minutes. Coroner Sparklin was called on to hold an inquest over the body, but on learning the habits of the woman refused to hold it.

GRAND CONCERT.—A grand concert is announced for Friday night, to take place at the New Assembly Rooms. The concert has been gotten up under the direction of Signor Strini, and the proceeds are to be appropriated in aid of St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal church.

ILLNESS OF A PASTOR.—Rev. Charles R. Howard, assistant Rector of Emmanuel church, has been lying dangerously ill for several days, and notwithstanding the fact that the best medical aid has been summoned, he continues to sink, and no hopes of his recovery are entertained.

Amusements

HOLLIDAY STREET THEATRE.—The tragedy of *Hamlet* was most admirably performed on Monday evening, the young and gifted tragedian, Mr. Booth, far exceeding the most sanguine expectations of his numerous admirers in his masterly rendition of the melancholy Dane. It was truly a beautiful performance, eliciting true and genuine applause from a full and highly discriminating audience, who twice honored him by a call before the curtain. He will appear to-night in his great character of Richard the Third, which has been pronounced one of his best performances.—In the course of the evening, the graceful danseuse, Miss Olivia, will appear in one of her popular dances, and the champion dancer, Tim Hays, will execute his celebrated medley clog dance—the entertainments concluding with the amusing farce of the *Bonnie Fish Wife*. We trust Mr. Booth will favor us with another representation of *Hamlet*.

FRONT STREET THEATRE.—We were informed last evening, by Mr. Clarke, the polite and modest agent of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Williams, that the "Irish Boy and Yankee Girl" will only appear before this public three times more, after which they retire to their New York residence. It therefore behooves all who desire to witness the able impersonations of these distinguished *artistes*, to take advantage of the few remaining golden moments. This evening there will be offered to the patrons of the Front Street Theatre the most attractive entertainment which has yet been offered, consisting of the elegant spectacular Irish fairy drama, *The Lakes of Killarney, or the Brides of Glengariff*, and the charming *piece d'impersonation*, written expressly for Mrs. Williams, and entitled *An Hour in Seville*. Those who have not seen Mrs Williams in the eight characters which she assumes in the last-named piece, should not lose the last opportunity, which will be offered to night. On Friday there will be a mammoth entertainment for the joint benefit of Mr. and Mrs. Williams. *Uncle Pat's Cabin* is being prepared, and will be produced before the engagement of the Williamses closes.

MUSEUM—*Kunkel's Opera Troupe*—An entire change of programme is offered to-night at this popular resort of seekers of pleasure. The manager is untiring in his endeavors to give his friends the "worth of their money," and his efforts are crowned with success. The entertainments here presented must be visited to be properly appreciated.

MADEIRA WINES from low to superior grades, for sale by the package, demijohn or case. Also, cooking Madeira Wine, warranted pure and low priced, for sale in quantities to suit purchasers, by
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MARYLAND LEGISLATURE----REGULAR SESSION.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.
[EVENING SESSION.]

ANNAPOLIS, Monday, Feb. 24.—The House met at half past seven o'clock and was called to order by the SPEAKER.

Mr. HARDCASTLE, from a special committee, reported a bill to pay T. S. Saulsbury certain fees due him, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Claims.

The bill to incorporate the Cecil and Harford Counties Boom Company was taken up and discussed, but pending its consideration

The special order—the bill to provide for the restoration of papers destroyed or injured by fire in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Baltimore county—was taken up for consideration, re-committed to a special committee, composed of Messrs. Johnson of Baltimore county, Price, Hammond of Howard, Alexander, Donaldson, Mathews and Creswell, and made the order of the day for Wednesday, the 26th inst.

Mr. MATHEWS, from a special committee, reported a bill amending the local laws of Baltimore in relation to the Almshouse.

Also, a bill relating to nuisances in Baltimore.

Also, a bill imposing penalties for polluting the waters of Swann Lake.

Also, a bill enlarging the powers of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore as regards water.

Also, a bill empowering the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to levy additional license on ordinaries, to aid the authorities of the city in paving the streets and supporting the City Jail.

Also, a bill to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to tax property not specially exempted from taxation.

Also, a bill relating to fees of officers which exceed three thousand dollars per annum.

Also, a bill relating to horses and carriages left at livery in Baltimore.

Also, a bill to provide for the custody and keeping of the Washington Monument in Baltimore.

Mr. SMYTH, from the Committee on Colored Population, reported a bill relating to the rules of descent as they are applicable to negroes.

Mr. MATHEWS, from a special committee, reported a bill authorizing the city authorities of Baltimore to extend their Water Works to Druid Hill Park.

The bill to change the name of Frederick Jerome Ridgeway to Frederick Jerome Cahill was read a second time.

The bill to protect fish in the Pocomoke river was read a second time.

The bill to protect fish in Frederick county was read a second time.

The bill allowing Perry Siszear, late Collector of Montgomery county, further time to complete his collections.

The bill amending the local laws of Allegany county relating to wild animals was read a second time.

The bill authorizing the Commissioners of Allegany county to levy a sum for the benefit of H. R. Atkinson, late Sheriff, was read a second time.

The bill amending testamentary law so as to provide that the widow of an insolvent person shall be entitled to seventy-five dollars' worth of the property of the deceased, and if he is solvent, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, was read a second time.

The bill amending the local laws of Prince George's county in relation to negroes was read a second time and re-committed to the Committee on Colored Population.

At ten o'clock the House adjourned.

SENATE.

ANNAPOLIS, February 25.—The Senate met at 11 o'clock, and was called to order by the PRESIDENT

Mr. SELLMAN presented a petition from the citizens of Annapolis, which was referred to a special committee.

Leave was given Messrs. Bayne, Smith and Whittaker to report a bill to allow J. F. Hoxter, a late collector of taxes, further time to complete his collections.

Mr. SELLMAN offered a resolution tendering the thanks of the Legislature to Brigadier-General Charles F. Smith, a native of this State, for gallant conduct recently displayed at Fort Donelson.

Mr. DENISON obtained leave for the Finance Committee to report a bill to pay Neilson Poe for services rendered by order of the Governor.

Mr. FIERY, from the Committee on the Constitution, reported a bill authorizing the Commissioners of Charles county to separate certain lands, which was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. DENISON, it was ordered that Isaac Deford be appointed a Director on the part of the State of the Bank of Maryland.

Mr. LANKFORD presented the petition of citizens of Somerset county, asking an appropriation for Salisbury Academy, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on Judiciary, reported a bill relating to the powers of Courts of [illegible] which was read a second time.

Also, the bill relating to fees of officers in Charles county, which was read a second and third time and passed.

Mr. WATKINS, from a select committee, reported a bill to pay a sum of money to Mrs. E. B. Watkins, the widow of a revolutionary officer, which was read a first time.

Mr. WHITTAKER offered an order directing that two thousand copies of the State Chemist's report be printed for the use of the Senate, which after a little discussion was adopted.

The bill to allow R. Bell, late sheriff, further time to complete his collections was read a second and third time and passed.

The bill supplementary to an act incorporating the People's Gas Company was taken up for a second reading, and its enacting clause stricken out.

The bill authorizing the commissioners of Emmitsburg to levy an additional tax was read a third time and passed.

The bill amending the local laws relating to sheep was read a second and third time and passed.

The bill authorizing the refunding of certain moneys erroneously paid by Register of Wills and Clerks of Courts was read a second time.

The bill to pay W. Kilgore for services at the last session of the Legislature was read a second time.

The bill amending the School laws of Howard county was read a third time and passed.

The House bill relating to vagrant free negroes was taken up and the enacting clause stricken out.

The Senate at three o'clock adjourned.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

The House met at eleven o'clock, was called to order by the SPEAKER, and opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. ALLEN. The roll was called, and the proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

Mr. MORTON presented a petition of citizens against the extension of the Stay law.

Mr. DUVALL presented a petition from Prince George's and Howard counties, asking that the Stay law be extended.

Mr. DOUGHERTY presented a petition asking the passage of an act for the relief of W. McDorman, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

The SPEAKER laid before the House a letter from Colonel John R. Kenly, informing them that the Government would in a short time furnish Sibley tents to the regiment; and also asking the Legislature to furnish knapsacks, which was referred to the Committee on Militia.

Mr. DOVE presented four petitions, asking the repeal of the tax on dogs in Harford county, which was referred to the Harford delegation.

Mr. SMITH offered an order directing the Committee on Printing to inquire into the expediency of publishing the laws passed at the late and the present session of the Legislature, which was adopted.

Mr. HERBERT obtained leave for the Committee on Corporations to report a bill amending the charter of the Washington County Railroad.

Mr. DUVALL obtained leave for the Committee on Inspections to report a bill regulating the inspection of lime and leather.

Also, to report a bill regulating the inspection of flour, meal, &c.

Mr. HERBERT obtained leave for the Washington and Allegany delegations to report a bill relating to the courts of those counties.

Leave was given Messrs. HUGG, HARDCASTLE and COALE to report a bill amending the law relating to pilots.

Mr. MAGRUDER obtained leave for Messrs. Magruder, Coale and Dunlop to report a bill amending testamentary law relating to sales of real estate by executors.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN obtained leave for the Allegany delegation to report a bill amending the local laws relating to public printing.

Mr. DUVALL presented a petition from the citizens of Anne Arundel and