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MEETING OF THE 34TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.

SECOND DAY.

CHESTERTOWN, March 13th, 1862.

The Conference met at 9 o'clock and was opened with religious exercises by Rev. D. Bowers. Rev. L. W. Bates in the chair.

The minutes of the preceding day were read, amended and approved.

The following is a list of the different committees:

Unfinished Business—Rev. D. A. Shermer, Mr. G. W. Taylor.

Itinerancy—Rev. Dr. Wilson, Rev. E. J. Drinkhouse, Rev. A. McFadden, Mr. A. C. Carlton, Mr. J. A. R. Brown.

State Parishes and Boundaries, &c.—Messrs. J. B. Thomas, R. B. Ferguson, C. Freeland, J. E. Weaver, L. Blackiston, W. Bond, H. J. Ellis, J. Hendrix.

Finance—Rev. J. E. Elderdice and Mr. Howard Meeks.

Pulpit Services—Rev. J. R. Nickols, Rev. John Roberts and Rev. Daniel Bowers.

Publication of the Minutes—Rev. J. J. Ward.

Superannuated Claimants—Rev. D. E. Reese, Rev. P. L. Wilson, Rev. J. J. Murray, and W. Bond, A. Allen and L. Blackiston, Esqrs.

Missions—Rev. T. D. Valiant, Rev. Dr. D. F. Ewell, Rev. R. S. Norris, and R. Griffith, E. Moulton and S. M. Flint, Esqs.

Book Concern and Colleges—Rev. Dr. T. Waters, Rev. H. P. Jordan, Rev. D. W. Bates, and L. J. Cox, Jr., William Turpin and R. C. Bevans, Esqs.

Statistics—Rev. B. F. Benson.

President's Salary—Rev. J. R. Nickols, Rev. Dr. A. S. Eversole, and T. M. Flint, and R. B. Ferguson, Esqs.

Executive Committee—Rev. J. W. Everist, Rev. W. Roby, Rev. Dr. J. J. Murray, and H. C. Wells, and A. Allen, Esqs.

President's Address—Rev. H. C. Cushing, Rev. J. F. Whiteside, Rev. S. Lee, and T. M. Flint, and R. E. Bevans, Esqs.

The examination of official character was resumed, and several of the Ministers' characters were passed; after which the Rev. Dr. J. J. Murray read his report of Newark (New Jersey) Mission. He gave a good report of his charge, representing it as in a flourishing condition and the membership on the increase.

The Rev. G. W. Bens, Missionary of Cumberland Mission, made a report of his charge. Said Mission is in an encouraging condition, notwithstanding the peculiar condition of the Mission and the deranged condition of our country.

The Rev. J. Shreeve, Missionary of Broadway Mission, Baltimore, made his annual report. He represented his charge as in a good condition. The Mission has paid $700 during the past year on their church debt, besides their incidental expenses.

The cases of these several missions were all referred to the Missionary Committee.

The Rev. Dr. J. J. Murray offered the following:

RESOLVED, That the Committee on Missions be instructed to ascertain what amount of funds may be regarded as available for Missionary purposes the ensuing year.

Resolved, That the committee, in reporting appropriations, shall base their recommendations on the amount ascertained to be available.

Resolved, That the Conference will not make appropriations beyond the amount which may reasonably be expected from collections and the interest on legacies.

Rev. H. P. Jordon, as a special committee to obtain a charter for the Missionary Society from the Legislature of Maryland, made his report and read the said charter. Said report was received, and said charter was referred to the Missionary Committee, and on motion of Rev. J. R. Nickols a vote of thanks was tendered to Rev. H. P. Jordon for his efforts in securing said charter.

On motion the Book Directory of the Methodist Protestant Book Concern, Baltimore, made their report. Said report seems to be very favorable notwithstanding the interruption of the mails and general derangement of affairs. Said report was received and referred to the proper committee.

Dr. J. J. Murray made the motion to reconsider the time of the daily session, and that the hour of the meeting of the morning session be 8½ o'clock, and that the first hour be devoted to religious services, which was adopted.

On motion the time of the meeting of the next session of the Conference was considered. The first Wednesday in November, 1863, the first Wednesday in March, 1863, and the second Wednesday in March, 1863, were all named. A spirited discussion ensued, Dr. Murray, Rev. W. Roby, Dr. D. F. Ewell, Rev. D. E. Reese and several others participated, to the amusement and pleasure of all concerned, pending which the Conference adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION—9½ o'clock.

Session opened with religious services by Rev. F. Waters, D. D.

The subject of the morning session was brought up again and discussed, and decided in favor of the second Wednesday in March, 1863.

On motion, it was resolved to select the place of the next meeting of the Conference. W. Bond, Esq., proposed Washington street station, Baltimore; L. J. Cox, Jr., proposed West Baltimore station, and Rev. D. H. Shermer proposed East Baltimore. Rev. H. P. Jordon withdrew the Washington street station, and the Conference, by its vote, determined to hold its next session at the West Baltimore station on the second Wednesday in March, 1863.

On motion of Rev. H. P. Jordon, the Conference determined to suspend the order of the business and to take up the order of the day, being the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The President, Rev. L. W. Bates, made a very kind and touching speech, and declined a re-election.

The Conference proceeded to an election, and the Rev. J. R. Nickols was duly elected on the first ballot, and the Conference endorsed the vote, declaring his election to be unanimous, by a rising vote.

The President elect made an appropriate address on accepting the office to which the Conference had elected him.

The retiring President made a humorous speech, when he handed to his successor the insignia of his office.

The next business being the election of the standing District Committee, Rev. J. R. Nickols moved that the secretary be authorized to cast the vote of the Conference for the old committee.

The next business being the election of the Committee of Appeals, Rev. L. W. Bates, J. J. Murray, Rev. D. E. Reese, T. B. Thomas and T. B. Mathews, Esqs., were duly elected.

The next business being the election of the Conference Steward, Rev. Jas. A. Buckrice was duly elected, and Howard Meeks, Esq., was elected assistant; Rev. F. Swentzel, M. D., was duly elected Missionary Steward. Rev. Daniel Bowers was elected secretary for the ensuing year, and Robert S. Griffith and R. B. Ferguson, Esqs., were duly elected assistant secretaries. On motion of Rev. J. J. Murray it was resolved that the Anniversary meeting of the Missionary Society be held on Friday evening at 7½ o'clock.

The following are the standing District Committee for the ensuing year: Rev. W. Roby, Dr. J. J. Murray, Rev. D. Zollikoffer, and A. Norris, T. W. Richardson and T. B. Mathews, Esqs.

On motion Conference adjourned, with prayer by Rev. W. L. Wright.

THIRD DAY.

CHESTERTOWN, March 14th.

Conference opened with the usual religious service, conducted by the Rev. Dr. A. S. Eversole, at the regular hour. The President, Rev. J. R. Nickols, appeared and took the chair. The minutes of the preceding day were read, approved and adopted.

The committees were called, and their chairmen made reports.

This morning several additional members made their appearance and took their seats, among whom was Rev. S. Hoblitzel, who has been laboring the past year on the border lines in Virginia, and at one time a report was in circulation that he had been shot. When he made his appearance the countenances of the brethren lighted up with joy.

The report of the Committee on the President's Papers was taken up, and that item requesting Dr. F. Waters to deliver a lecture to the Conference on elocutions was adopted. Tuesday morning, at 8½ o'clock, was selected as the time.

The Conference resumed the examination of official character, and several ministers' official characters were passed.

When the name of Rev. S. H. Hoblitzel was called, Rev. D. Bowers offered the following:

RESOLVED, That this Conference most highly commends the unwavering fidelity of Brother Solomon A. Hoblitzel to the trust committed to him on Potomac circuit during the present Conference year.

The report of the Committee on Itinerancy was taken up, and considered item by item.

The first case presented was the recommendation of Wm. H. Hopkins to the Annual Conference, to be employed as a minister.

In view of the informality of the case, and the law of the Constitution of the Methodist Protestant Church, Rev. L. W. Bates offered the following:

RESOLVED, That this Conference recommend that Brother Hopkins be employed by the President whenever he shall have obtained a recommendation from one of our Quarterly Conferences.

The second name was that of Thomas W. Brown. He was recommended to be received, and the Conference endorsed the recommendation.

3d item recommends T. G. Weaver to be employed by the President. The case, by resolution, was postponed.

The report of the Committee on Boundaries of Circuits and Stations was taken up, item by item, pending which the Conference adjourned, with prayer by Rev. P. S. Wilson.

At 2½ o'clock religious services by Rev. C. H. Littleton.

The report of the Committee on Boundaries and Necessities was continued. Several changes were made, and considerable discussion ensued, much to the entertainment of the audience, which was very large, the citizens taking considerable interest in the proceedings.

The Chairman of the Committee on Pulpit Services made his report. The churches in the town and country were all supplied with the ministerial services of the Ministers of this Conference on the coming Sabbath, with one exception.

Conference adjourned for the purpose of holding the Missionary Anniversary.

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ENGLAND'S NEUTRALITY.—The following extract of a letter, says the New York *World*, received by a prominent shipping house in New York, from a Liverpool correspondent, will illustrate how England's neutrality proclamations are avoided:

"LIVERPOOL, March 1.

"Our blockading squadrons seems to be doing a good work, and I hope will continue to send a good report of their operations, so that when the Bermuda again visits your shores you may have an opportunity of seeing her in New York. She is now in the river, ready to go to sea. The Confederate traitors have also a gunboat nearly ready, which is to be delivered to her owners at Malta.—She is taking in stores for a six months' voyage. The Bermuda has rifled and other cannon on board, in convenient position to be discharged, and it is not impossible that the two vessels may meet at sea, and partially exchange cargoes. If the gunboat gets out she will be a troublesome customer.

"P. S.—The Bermuda sailed to-day."

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

LIST OF JURORS.—The following is a list of jurors drawn on Saturday last for the third three weeks of the January term of the various courts. The drawing took place in the presence of Judges Martin and Krabs.

Criminal Court—George M. Smith, John B. Seldenstricker, A. K. Mantz, John S. Williams, Henry Carroll, Edward Snowden, Amon Cate, Charles J. Welsh, Geo. W. Tyson, D. M. Reese, D. S. White, J. B. West, W. P. Bryan, C. A. Schaffer, James R. Herbert, Peter Kephart, Irwin Neale, Richard Markland, Wm. Wilkens, D. M. Moore, John W. Wilson, Jr., Calvin S. Shriver.

Court of Common Pleas—Mordecai F. Boswell, L. L. Johnson, D. O Laws, Chas. H. Clark, John G. Blackstone, Trueman Dorsey, S. M. Brown, John T. Berry, G. W. Holmes, J. F. Wheatley, Thos. Patterson, E. H. Perkins, Nathan Pusey, Cornelius Thomas, W. F Hammond, Edwin Walters, W. B. Brooks, George H. Ricketts, J. Hahn, H. H. Robertson, Andrew Reed, J. W. Colley, John T. Honneman, G. W. Horsey and James Sloan.

Superior Court—Thos. W. Tobin, Wm. H. Bertzand, Wm. Rogers, Jesse L. Hutchinson, Thos. J. Rich, Richard Sands, John J. Meyer, James M. Lewis, John T. Tarr, Chas. M. Foss, Elias S. Hutchinson, Jos. H. Boyd, John E Hurst, W. E. Bartlett, Jr., Geo. Reinicker, Wm. Steanburg, John T. Lange, Thomas B. Summers, Robert L. Seth, Chas. M. Koons, Wm. S. Thompson, Wm. L. Barton, Lewis Weir, Francis J. D. Webb, S. S. Stevens.

WITHDRAWAL OF A PETITION FOR DIVORCE.—Judge Krebs, of the City Circuit Court, on Saturday last delivered the following opinion upon an application for the withdrawal of the pleadings in a divorce case. As it is the first case that a decision upon this point has been given in this Court, the opinion will be read with interest:

"In this case application has been made to the Court by the parties complainant and defendant to pass an order permitting the bill and other proceedings to be withdrawn from the files of the Court. It appears that they have adjusted in some manner satisfactory to themselves the unpleasant disagreement out of which the application in this case for a divorce has grown; and therefore desire to have all evidence of the litigation, and the circumstances connected therewith, so far as they are set forth in the proceedings, withdrawn from the public inspection to which they are liable so long as they remain in the office of the Clerk of this Court. There is a class of cases in which a Court of Chancery will permit this to be done. The privilege is granted especially in what is termed family cases, in which relatives have become involved in litigation, in reference to questions relating to estates or property in which they are jointly interested, or husband and wife have instituted proceedings for the purpose of having the marital relations either dissolved or modified; and in which the parties have inconsiderately, or, under the influence of hasty and excited feeling, spread their complaints upon the record in terms of angry and bitter crimination and recrimination. Where the parties in such cases have settled their disputes, and a better feeling between them has been restored, and they are desirous, so far as they can, to obliterate the evidence of their disputes, the Court has shown a disposition to aid them in their praiseworthy purpose. In 24 Daniel's, Chan. Prac. 921, it is said, "That the Court will, upon the consent of all parties, order pleadings to be taken off the file when they contain matter which it is desirable should not remain recorded." Tremaine vs. Tremaine, 1 Vernon, 189, was a cause between father and son, and as the report states "there having been great heat, and indecent reflections on both sides, in bill and answer, and the matter being ended by compromise," upon motion made in Court, the bill and answer were taken off the file by consent. In Watson vs. Broadbent, 3 Hare, 334, there was a motion in behalf of all the parties, that the bill "containing matters which the parties were unwilling should remain upon the record," might be taken off the file. The cause had been compromised, the V. Chancellor made the order sought in Irwin vs. Taylor, 6 Beaven's Reports, 120.—The solicitor for some of the parties moved to take the bill off the file with the consent of all parties. He stated that "it was a family suit, that the bill contained offensive statements and allegations; and that the parties having compromised, were all desirous that the bill should be removed from the records of the Court." The master of the Rolls made the order. It thus appears that the practice in Chancery on this point, is very definitely settled, and in conformity therewith I shall pass an order authorizing the proceedings to be taken off the files of the Court.

ORGANIZATION OF AN INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH.—For some weeks there have been rumors of the contemplated organization in this city of an Independent Methodist Church, to be composed of former members of the various Methodist churches in Baltimore, who refuse to recognize the jurisdiction of the "Baltimore Conference" in view of the action of the Laymen's Convention and of the majority of the members of the Baltimore Conference at their sessions in March, 1861, at Staunton, Va., in consequence of the incorporation of the "new chapter" on slavery in the Discipline of the Church, by the General Conference in session at Buffalo, New York, in 1860. The truth of these rumors was proved on Saturday morning last by the announcement in the papers "to the Methodist community and others" that religious services would be held at the New Assembly Rooms, on Hanover street, on Sunday, at 11 A. M. and at 7½ P. M., which announcement had the effect of bringing together at that place yesterday morning an immense audience, numbering about fifteen hundred persons who were former members and attendants of other Methodist churches, embracing nearly every church in the city. At the appointed hour, Rev. Ezra F. Busey read the hymn on page 303, which was sung by the audience. He then offered up prayer. Rev. Alpheus W. Wilson announced that a meeting would be held at the New Assembly Rooms to-morrow evening, at 7½ o'clock, for the purpose of organizing an Independent Methodist Church, and that hereafter there would be preaching each Sabbath, at the same place, in the morning at 11 o'clock, and in the evening at 7½ o'clock. This arrangement will continue until further notice. He also announced the time and place of holding the various male and female "classes" during the week. Rev. E. F. Busey then read the 10th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles; after which he announced as the text of his discourse the 11th verse of the 34 chapter of Paul's Epistle to the Corinthians. He classed his sermon under two heads, viz: "The Sovereignty of Christ," and "The Moral Equality of all his Subjects." Nearly an hour was consumed in the delivery of the sermon, which was listened to with profound interest by the vast audience. After the sermon a liberal contribution was made by those present to defray the expense of the building. After singing and prayer, the services of the morning were concluded with the doxology and the benediction. At three o'clock in the afternoon, a Sunday School was formed, and 107 scholars enrolled their names. At 7½ o'clock, in the evening, Rev. A. W. Wilson preached to another large audience. It is said that another church of this description will be organized in the Eastern section of the city.

PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING FOR THE LATE FEDERAL VICTORIES.—Bishop Whittingham, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Maryland and the District of Columbia, has transmitted to all clergymen of that Church in parochial charge in the District, for use on all occasions of public worship within eight days following the Sunday after the receipt of his letter, the following:

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Late Victories.—O, Almighty God, the Sovereign Commander of all the world, in whose hand is power and might which none is able to withstand, we bless and magnify Thy great and glorious name for the happy successes which Thou hast of late vouchsafed in so many instances to the arms of this Nation, and more especially for the deliverance of this city and district from the terrors of blockade and siege. And we beseech Thee, give to us and to all this people grace to use this great mercy shown toward us to Thy glory, the advancement of Thy Gospel, the honor of our country, and as much as in us lieth the good of all mankind. Stir up our hearts, O, Lord, to a true thankfulness, such as may appear in our lives by a humble, holy, and obedient walking before Thee all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, as for all Thy mercies, so in particular for these victories and this deliverance, be all glory and honor, world without end. *Amen.*

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.—On Saturday morning, about three o'clock, fire was discovered in an unoccupied house on East street, near Ensor, and before the Fire Department could reach the spot it had gained considerable headway. The flames communicated to an adjoining building, occupied by Mr. Wm. H. Cunningham as a flour and feed store. In the garret of Mr. Cunningham's house there was about thirty pounds of powder, which exploded, tearing the apartment badly, and increasing the violence of the fire. The roof of an adjoining house, occupied by J. C. Piping, also took fire, and for a short time a serious conflagration was threatened. The Fire Department worked with great vigor and effect, and finally succeeded in mastering the flames. The total loss of property will exceed three thousand dollars. The property belonged to the estate of Wolfgang Eichberger, and is insured. Mr. Cunningham's loss will exceed $1,000. Mr. Piping's loss is covered by insurance. The fire was the work of an incendiary.

EXTENSIVE ROBBERY BY TWO BOYS—*They Charge a Baltimore Detective with Accepting a Bribe.*—Two youths, whose names were not learned, were on Saturday morning arrested at President street depot, in this city, upon the charge of having robbed a brother-in-law, in Washington city, of $6,000, principally in Treasury notes and gold.—When arrested, about $4,100 was found upon them, and, upon being interrogated, as to the whereabouts of the rest of the money, they stated that a Baltimore detective had, on board the cars, accepted the remainder of the money as a bribe. As Thomas Chapman, a detective of the Provost Marshal's force, had come up from Washington that morning, he was summoned before the youthful thieves, when they swore that he was the man. On the other hand, Chapman stoutly denied any knowledge of the affair. The boys, however, insisted that he was guilty, and the Marshal committed the party to jail to await further developments.

GREAT FEAT OF DUCK-SHOOTING.—One of the greatest feats in duck-shooting performed in this vicinity for a long time was performed on Friday and Saturday last. Messrs. Wm. McDonald and John Ruskell, of Baltimore, and Mr. Horace F. Jones, of New York, all well known as capital shots, killed and bagged at the celebrated ducking shore known as Beggy's Point one hundred and thirty-nine red-head ducks. This feat was performed in less than a day and a half, and what is most remarkable is the fact that at no time had either gentlemen more than six ducks to shoot at. We learn that Mr. Jones will send sixty-two pair of them to New York by express to-day, where they will be presented to his friends.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.—The anniversary of Ireland's patron saint is to be celebrated at St. Patrick's church this morning with the solemnities befitting the occasion. The Rev. A. F. Elder is to sing the high mass, and the Rev. B. McManus will deliver the panegyric of the saint. Those who design attending on the occasion should bear in mind that a collection will be taken up for the orphans. The day will also be appropriately celebrated by the Hibernian Society of Baltimore by the usual anniversary supper, election of officers, &c.

CHARGED WITH STEALING A HORSE.—A man giving his name as Joseph H. Cross, was arrested in this city on Saturday last upon the charge of stealing a horse in Washington. He was endeavoring to sell the horse in the western section of the city, but offered it at such a low rate that the suspicions of the police were aroused, and he was taken into custody. A short time after his arrest, information of the theft of a horse—the description of which, corresponded with that of the horse in his possession—was received from Washington, and Cross was sent to jail to await the requisition of the authorities of the District of Columbia.

INSTALLATION OF A PASTOR.—Rev. Jos. T. Smith, D. D., pastor elect of the Central Presbyterian church, corner of Liberty and Saratoga streets, was installed last evening, in the presence of a vast audience, which manifested great interest in the exercises. Rev. Dr. Bullock, of the Franklin street church, delivered the installation sermon; Rev. Dr Backus, of the First church, delivered the charge to the pastor; and Rev. Dr. Dickson, of Westminster church, delivered the charge to the people.

DEATH OF AN OLD CITIZEN.—We are again called upon to record the death of another old and much esteemed citizen of Baltimore. Mr. Hiram Woods, Sr., of the firm of Dougherty, Woods & Co., died quite suddenly at his residence on Saturday evening, in the 61st year of his age. Mr. W. has been for a long period of years engaged in the sugar refining business, and was beloved and esteemed by all who knew him.

WARDEN OF THE JAIL.—On Friday evening the Visitors of the Jail elected Thomas C. James Warden of the Jail, in place of W. A. Wisong, the present incumbent. Captain James was Warden at the time Mr. Wisong received his appointment to that position.

Amusements.

FRONT STREET THEATRE.—The greatest congregation of celebrated dramatic stars which was ever known to assemble in Baltimore will appear this evening at Front Street Theatre in the grand Shakespearian 5-act play of *Julius Cæsar*. Messrs. Wheatley, Davenport, Wallack, Barron, Kingsland, and Mrs. Wallack and Mrs. Julia Bennett Barrow, compose this galaxy of distinguished histrionic artists, and will doubtless do justice to every production in which their ability will be required. During the short engagement of this grand combination they will certainly appear in no piece twice.

HOLLIDAY STREET THEATRE.—Dan Rice's great combination of equestrian talent opens at this house this evening. The company comprises a number of the leading performers in the circus business, among whom may be mentioned Melville, the great Australian horseman; Mad. Louise Tonaire, the original Ella Zoyara; the wonderful Rolland Brothers, William and Henry; the talking horse Excelsior, and "them" low comedy mules. Dan Rice will give a special performance on Wednesday afternoon for ladies and children.

BALTIMORE MUSEUM.—Kunkel's Opera Troupe will appear this evening in a new and diversified entertainment: "Scenes at Whitehurst's," "Negro Impudence" and the "Mush-a-ding-do-ah Brothers," are among the prominent acts to be performed. The benefit of Mr. Kunkel, at the Maryland Institute, will be repeated on Saturday afternoon next at the request of numerous private citizens, and in order to accommodate the many holding tickets who were unable to attend on Saturday afternoon last.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

CRIMINAL COURT—JUDGE BOND.

George C. Maund, Esq., Deputy State's Attorney, prosecuting.

The Court was engaged on Saturday with the following business:

Catharine Meyer, charged with an assault upon Johanna Krauzer. Cross case. Dismissed.

Anna Fink, charged with assaulting Mrs. Anna Kobe. Dismissed.

The Court then adjourned until this morning at 10 o'clock.

FROM WASHINGTON.

From the Washington Star of yesterday.

A RECONNOISSANCE.

We learn that a strong cavalry reconnoissance was commenced on the evening before last, under General Stoneman, accompanied by Captn. Louis and Robert D'Orleans, of Gen. McClellan's staff. It made a thorough examination of the whole range of country from Manassas, north of the Orange Railroad, to Warrenton, and from thence to the point where that railroad crosses the Rappahannock, a distance of twenty-four miles from Manassas in a straight line. The distance passed over in going out and returning must have been about seventy-five miles. We learn that no enemy in arms was discovered, and that it was clearly proved that the flight of the enemy through that territory resembled a perfect rout.

THE MERRIMAC AND THE MONITOR.

Capt. Fox, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, has returned from Fortress Monroe. Capt. Fox has had some additions made to the defences of the Monitor since the fight. Her pilot-house had peculiar square sides, and the concussion of a Merrimac ball on this house near the lookout, is what injured Lieut. Worden, and checked the fight. Her pilot-house has now an angular front, from which a ball will glance as from her sloping sides. The naval forces at Fortress Monroe are anxious to grapple the Merrimac again, vowing to take or sink her on sight.

THE CONFEDERATES STILL AT AQUIA CREEK—ANOTHER ENGAGEMENT.

The steamer Yankee arrived at the Yard this morning, and took on board a quantity of shell.—Yesterday she, with the Anacostia, shelled the Confederate batteries at Aquia creek, the enemy replying briskly with their guns, but failing to reach the Yankee, though several excellent line shots were made. One shell struck but a short distance from the Yankee, in direct range with her wheelhouse. Most of the shots were too high for the Anacostia, many of them passing over her to a great distance. The heavy guns of the Yankee enabled her to lay off out of range of the Confederates and drop her shells with precision into the batteries. After firing some time, the steamers hauled off, without being struck; but it is believed that the manner in which the shells exploded in and around the Confederate works, that "some body is hurt." The cars can be seen running to and from the depot at Aquia creek, and it is thought that the Confederates are removing their stores.

The Confederate battery at Potomac Creek is also occupied by the enemy.

Correspondence of the New York World.

MOVEMENTS OF THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

Numerous inquiries continue to be made concerning the movements of the army of the Potomac since its advance reached Manassas. It is only proper to say that it is carrying out to the letter the programme marked out for its operations are marching from its winter quarters in this immediate vicinity.

SPECULATORS ON THE ADVANCE.

A number of itinerant speculators went to Fairfax Court House yesterday and took possession of the vacant stores to commence business. The provost marshal, however, ejected them promptly.

Yesterday evening a number of dwellings in the neighborhood of Centreville were wantonly burned by some of our soldiers.

CHARTERING OF VESSELS FOR THE USE OF THE GOVERNMENT STOPPED AT NEW YORK.—The New York *Tribune* says:—A decided sensation has been created in business circles by the receipt of a telegraphic despatch from Washington, stopping the chartering of vessels for the use of the Government. Many, as is well known, have recently been chartered for the various maritime and coast expeditions still in progress; and the sudden arrest of chartering was interpreted by some as indicating a speedy peace. We understand, however, that the real cause of the order was the fact, just ascertained at the War Department, that an agent of the Government—Mr. Russell Sturgis has been named to us as such agent—has been charging persons of whom he chartered vessels five per cent. commission on the amount of the charter—said five per cent. to go into his own pocket. Of course, no further explanation of the despatch can be needed.

A COUNCIL OF WAR—WHAT WAS DONE.—The statement published last week that a council of war in Washington decided, eight to four, that the army of the Potomac should not be moved against the enemy at present, is entirely untrue. The generals were unanimous that an advance was possible and proper. The only difference was as to the plan of the proposed attack.—*N. Y. Times.*

The "statement" referred to was made by us, upon authority much better than that of the *Times*, and is true. Four generals believed that an immediate advance should be made. Eight opposed it. The President sided with the four, and therefore, by order of March 8, constituted the Potomac army in four divisions, to be commanded by them.—*Washington Republican, March 15.*

DEPRECIATION IN THE VALUE OF PROPERTY IN KENTUCKY.—The Auditor reports a over $750,000 of outstanding revenue due the State on the 1st ult., and the falling off in the value of taxable property in 1861 as $52,294,131; the decrease in the value of real estate, 7 1-7 per cent.; of slaves, 18½ per cent.; of personal property, 9 4-5 per cent.

The second of the three iron-clad steamers of the pattern of the Monitor, is being constructed at Greenpoint, and is expected to be ready in all this month. The third is being constructed at Philadelphia.

The Italian opera season which has just closed at Berlin lasted three months, and the favorite singers were Tobelli, the Marchisio sisters and Adelina Patti.

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Monetary and Commercial Review.

BALTIMORE, March 15, 1862.

There was not much business transacted at the Stock Board to-day. In State securities there were no transactions; for Maryland 6's 1870 coupons, 96¾ was bid, 100 asked; do. do., inscribed, 95 was bid, 96 asked; for Missouri 6's 54 was bid, 54¾ asked. There was sold of $3,500 City 6's 1890 at 96¾; for do. do. 1875 98 was asked; do. do. 1890 new and old issue, 93¾ was bid, 98 asked; do. do. coupons, 97½ bid, 99 asked. In Railway securities we notice the sale of $950 Northern Central bonds 1885 at 73; for Baltimore and Ohio 6's 1862 65 was bid, 67¾ asked; do. do. 1885 87¾ asked; for Northwestern Virginia Railroad, first mortgage 6's 1873, guaranteed by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, 77 was bid; for Northern Central 6's 1885, 73 was bid, 75¾ asked; for Central Ohio 7's 1861, first mortgage, 67 was bid, 75 asked; do. do. second do. 1865, 61 was bid, 65 asked; for Western Maryland 6's first mortgage, guaranteed by the city, 88½ was bid, 90 asked; do. not guaranteed, 61 was bid, 63 asked. Railway shares are still on the rise, 14 shares Baltimore and Ohio sold at $67, and 30 shares Northern Central at $22. For Canton $13¾ was bid, $15 asked. There were no sales of Mining stocks; for Springfield $2.10 was bid, $2.60 asked; Gardner Hill $1.25 bid, $1.35 asked; Rudisell 85 cts. bid; Guilford 55 bid, 65 asked; others remaining about the same as last quoted. For Firemen's Insurance stock $45 was bid, $52 asked; and for Maryland Fire Insurance $9¾ was bid, $10 asked.

SALES AT THE BALTIMORE STOCK BOARD.

SATURDAY, March 15, 1862.

$3,500 Baltimore city 6's, '90.....96¾
5,000 Northern Central Railroad bonds '85.....73
14 shares Balt. & Ohio Railroad stock.....67
30 shares Northern Central Railroad.....22

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

	BUYING.	SELLING.
Gold	1¼ per ct. prem.	1¾ per ct. prem.
Treasury notes	1-5 " " dis.	1-10 " " 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	60	00
Missouri 6's	53¾	53¾
Tennessee bonds	60¾	60¾
North Carolina bonds	69½	00
Canton Company	13	00
Erie Railroad	36¾	36¾
New York Central Railroad	83¾	83¾
Reading Railroad	42¾	42½
Rock Island	57¾	00
Treasury notes 2 years 6 per cents	00	00

steady. dull.

The New York *Post* of Saturday afternoon says:

The stock market is quiet to-day, but we notice continued buoyancy in government securities at a shade better prices. The strongest of the railroad shares are the two Eries, which are active at an advance, in anticipation of orders from England, where, at last advices, there was a good demand for American securities, particularly Erie old stock. The closing quotation is 36¾@36¾ 36¾. After the board the market was very dull and the prices of the railways yielded a trifle. New York Central, 83¾@83¾; Toledo, 37¾; Rock Island, 57¾; Michigan Central, 57¾. Pacific Mail and Panama are firm—the former at 95¾, the latter at 121@121¾. There is a reaction of 1 per ct. in Milwaukie and Prairie du Chien. The closing quotation is 23¾@23¾. There was no special change in government stocks. The 6's of 1881 are ¼ for cash better than at the second board of yesterday. The 7.30 Treasury notes are selling freely at par, and for small notes the money brokers get a slight premium. In State stocks there was little done. Missouris and Tennessees are weaker. Illinois and Ohio bonds are in strong demand at an advance of ¼@1 per cent.

BALTIMORE MARKETS.

SATURDAY, March 15,

COFFEE.—The market has been very quiet to day, and late on Friday of 1,200 bags Rio, to go to the West, on private terms, but since understood to be at 20 cts. per pb. net. We quote common to prime Rio at 19@21 cts; Laguayra at 22@23 cts.; Java at 26@27 cts., and Ceylon at 24 cts. The stock on hand is about 26,000 bags Rio. Of other descriptions the stock is very light.

FLOUR.—There continues to be a moderate demand for Flour, but no sales were reported at either of the Flour marts. The market was rather dull at $5@5 37½ per bbl. for both Howard Street and Ohio Super; standard City Mills Super is held at $5.25 per bbl. There is some inquiry for Extra Flour, and we now quote Howard Street and Ohio at $5.75@5.87½ per bbl. for shipping brands, and standard City Mills do. at $6.25 per bbl.

FAMILY FLOUR.—Family Flour continues to sell by the dray load to the trade at $8.25 for the best brands Baltimore, and $6.25@6.10 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 $3 87½, and Corn Meal at $2@$3.12½ per bbl. for both Baltimore and Brandywine, the market for both being very dull.

GRAIN.—The market for Grain presents no new feature to day. The offerings at the two Grain marts footed up 27,240 bushels. Of this amount the receipts at the Baltimore Corn Exchange were 7,145 bushels, viz.: 1,675 bushels Wheat, 4,870 bushels Corn, and 600 bushels Oats. The sales reported were 150 bushels white Wheat at 145 cts., 830 bushels red do. at 130 cts., and 630 bushels do. do. at 129 cts. Corn was in active demand, and all the lots offered were taken; 1,500 bushels white sold at 58 cts., 500 do. do. at 57 cts., 100 do. do. at 54 cts., 1,400 bushels yellow at 58 cts., 1,270 do. do. at 57 cts., and 400 do. do. inferior at 54 cts. There were no sales of Rye or Oats, and prices remain as last reported. At the Maryland Exchange the principal inquiry was for Corn—no transactions of importance to whatever in Wheat. The offerings reached 10,795 bushels, viz.: 1,200 bushels Wheat, 12,675 bushels Corn, and 5,920 bushels Oats. The sales reported were 500 bushels white Corn at 56 cts., 2,000 do. do. at 54 cts., 500 do. do. at 55 cts., 3,970 bushels yellow at 57 cts., and 1,400 do. do. at 58 cts. In Oats the sale reported was 140 bushels Maryland at 35 cts. The market continues very dull. Nothing done in Rye, and prices remain unchanged.

MOLASSES.—There is but little doing in Molasses. We notice the sale to-day of 25 hhds. Cuba Muscovado at 22 cts., 6 mos. We now quote Cuba Muscovado at 22 @22½ cts., 6 mos., and New Orleans at 32@35 cts.

PROVISIONS.—The market was quiet to-day. There has been no movement of importance. We quote Mess Pork at $13.50@14 per bbl. for heavy; Prime Mess at $12.50@13; Prime at $10.50@11. Lard Rump at $9.50 per bbl. There continues to be a good demand for Bacon in jobbing lots: we quote it at 5¾@5¾ cts. for Shoulders, 5¾ cts. for Sides, and 7@8 cts. for Hams. Beef is firm at $12 50 per bbl. for Baltimore No. 1; $15@16 for Mess do., and $17 per bbl. for Extra Mess. In Bulk